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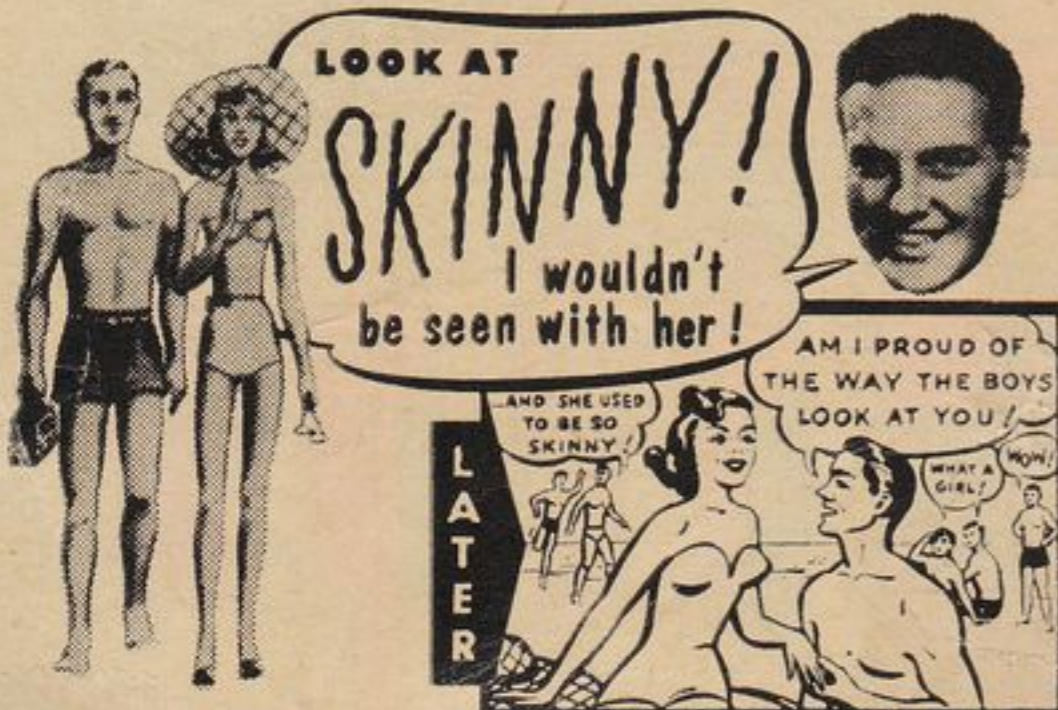


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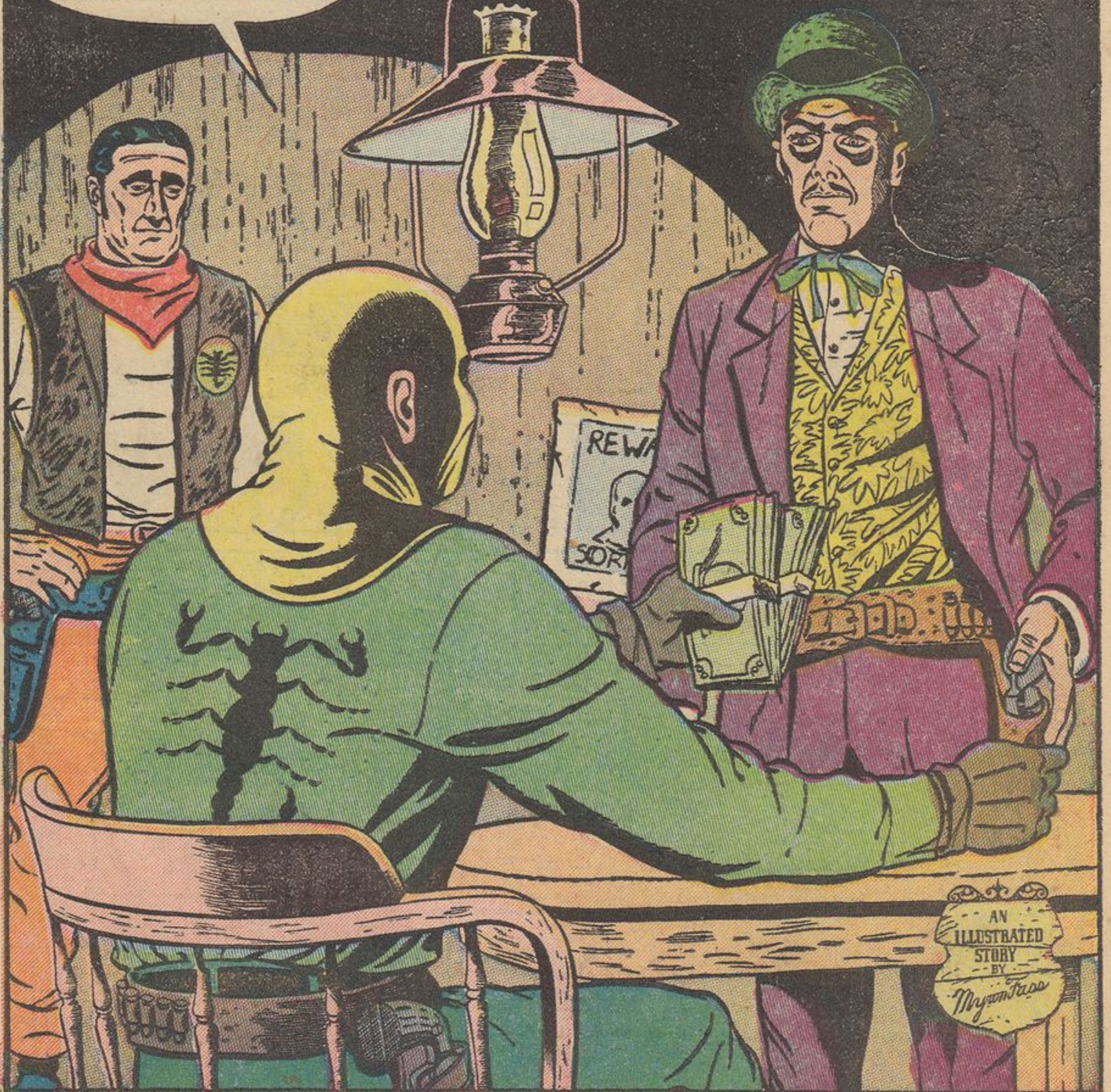


THOUGH HIS PAST WAS VEILED IN MYSTERY AND CLOAKED IN VAGUE AND SHADOWED RUMORS, DOC HOLLIDAY WAS A FAMILIAR FIGURE IN THE ROARING DAYS OF TOMBSTONE! A SMALL MAN IN AN OVERCOAT WHO CARRIED A NICKELPLATED SIX-SHOOTER, A BOWIE KNIFE TIED AROUND HIS NECK BY A STRING, AND SOMETIMES A SAWED-OFF SHOTGUN STUCK IN HIS BELT! QUITE OFTEN, HE WAS SEEN COUGHING INTO A HANDKERCHIEF... FOR YOU SEE... **DOC HOLLIDAY WAS A DOOMED MAN!**... DOOMED TO DIE OF DREADED TUBERCULOSIS! BUT HIS DRAW WAS LIKE GREASED LIGHTNING AND THE SCORPION KNOWING THIS, PAID HIM TO CHALLENGE **BLACK DIAMOND!** WHAT WILL THE OUTCOME BE WHEN THE GALLANT MARSHAL FINDS HIMSELF A MARK FOR A...

HIRED GUN

DOC! I'VE GOT A JOB FOR YOU, AND HERE'S SOME HARD MONEY TO MAKE IT WORTH YOUR WHILE! **GET BLACK DIAMOND!**

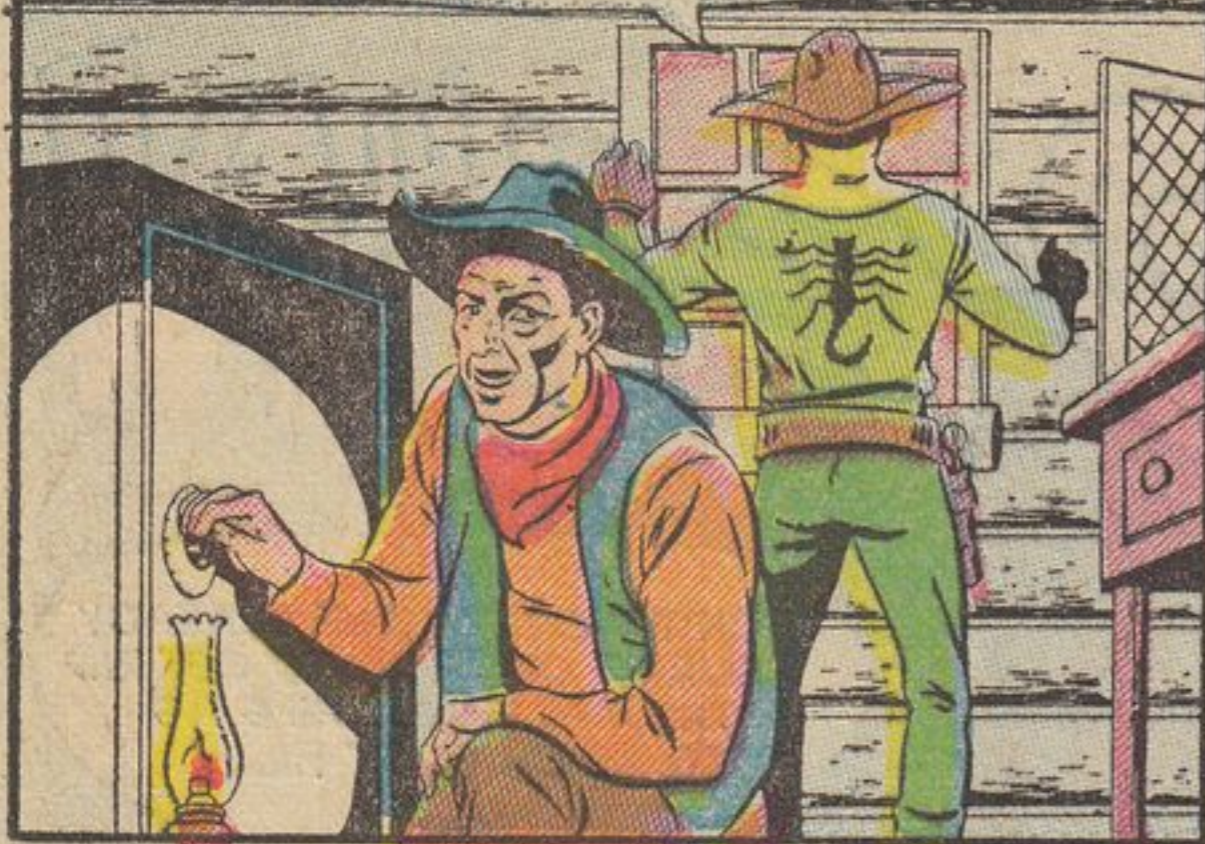
DON'T WORRY! I'VE ALREADY FIGURED OUT HOW TO GET RID O' THE MARSHAL! HE'S AS GOOD AS ON BOOT HILL!



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B LACK DIAMOND KEEPS CONSTANT VIGIL OVER THE SAFETY OF TOMBSTONE...

LET'S FORGET THIS BANK JOB! HERE COMES A POSSE AFTER US! THAT BLASTED BLACK DIAMOND **NEVER** SLEEPS!



D IAMOND'S CONSTANCY IN THWARTING THE SCORPION'S DIABOLICAL PLANS HAS SO ENRAGED THE MASTER CRIMINAL... HE HAS DECIDED...

BLACK DIAMOND MUST GO!



IT'S NOT GOING TO BE SAID THAT THE LAW STOPPED THE SCORPION! FIND OUT WHO'S THE FASTEST GUNSLINGER IN THE WEST... AND HIRE HIM!

DOC HOLLIDAY FITS THAT DESCRIPTION! BUT HE'S IN NOGALES... WEARIN' CALLOUSES ON HIS ELBOWS IN THE RED DOG SALOON!



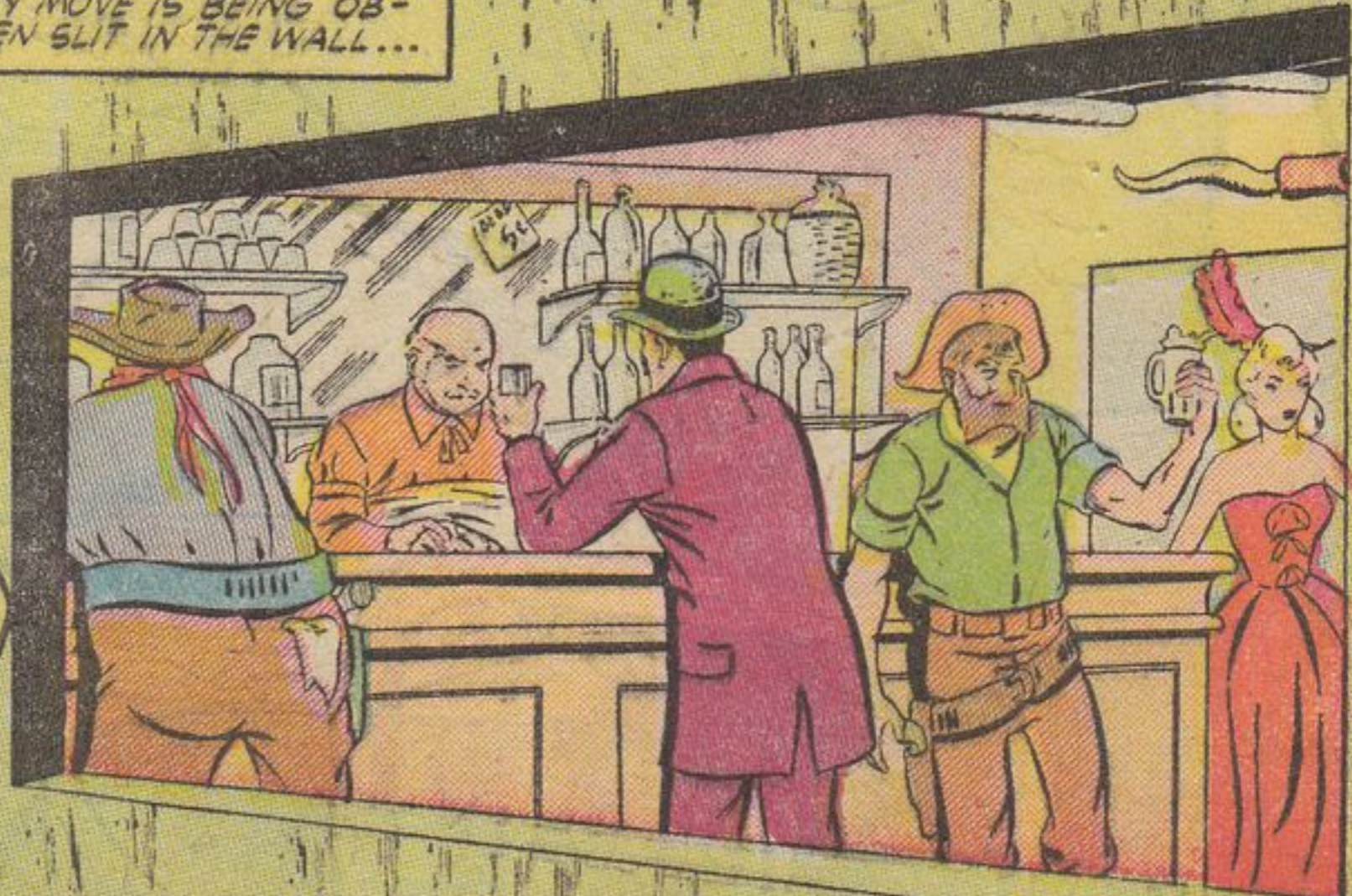
A FEW DAYS LATER, IN THE RED DOG SALOON... A CARD GAME PLAYED BETWEEN THREE TENSE MEN, IS UNDER WAY...

NO GOOD, DOC! I'VE GOT FOUR ACES!

THAT CLEANS ME OUT, BOYS!



D OC HOLLIDAY AMBLES DEJECTEDLY TO THE BAR, UNAWARE THAT HIS EVERY MOVE IS BEING OBSERVED THROUGH A HIDDEN SLIT IN THE WALL...



FROM THE SHADOWS DOC HOLLIDAY HAS COME... AND TO THE SHADOWS HE CLINGS! A HARD MAN WITH CRUEL EYES WOEFUL! SILENT, HE DRINKS... UNTIL...

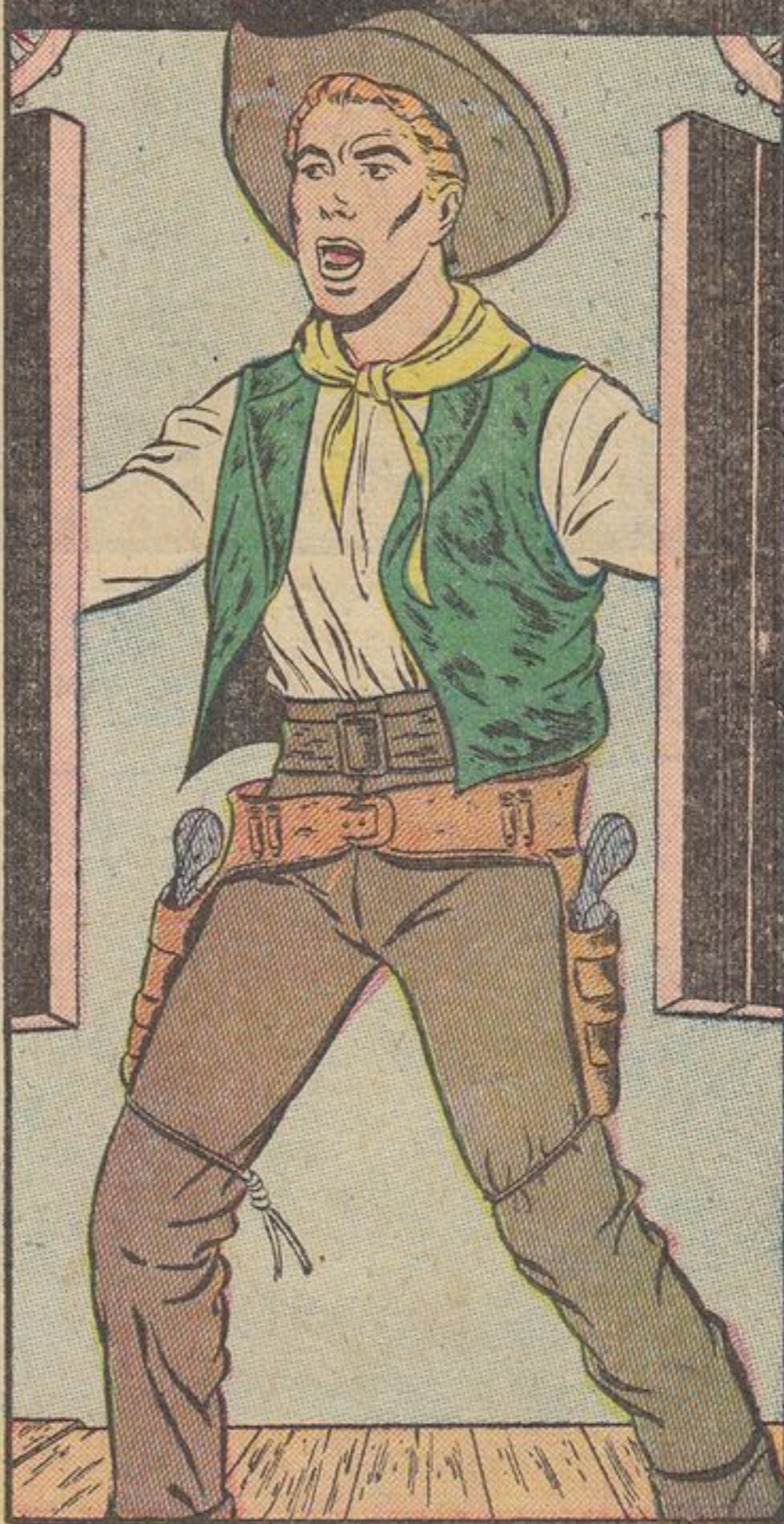


HE BEGINS TO COUGH FEVERISHLY. HE COVERS HIS MOUTH WITH HIS HANKERCHIEF. HE STANDS WITH HIS BACK TO THE DOOR... BUT HE STAYS ALIVE BECAUSE HE ALWAYS WATCHES WHO ENTERS THE DOOR... AS A MAN WITHOUT FRIENDS MUST...



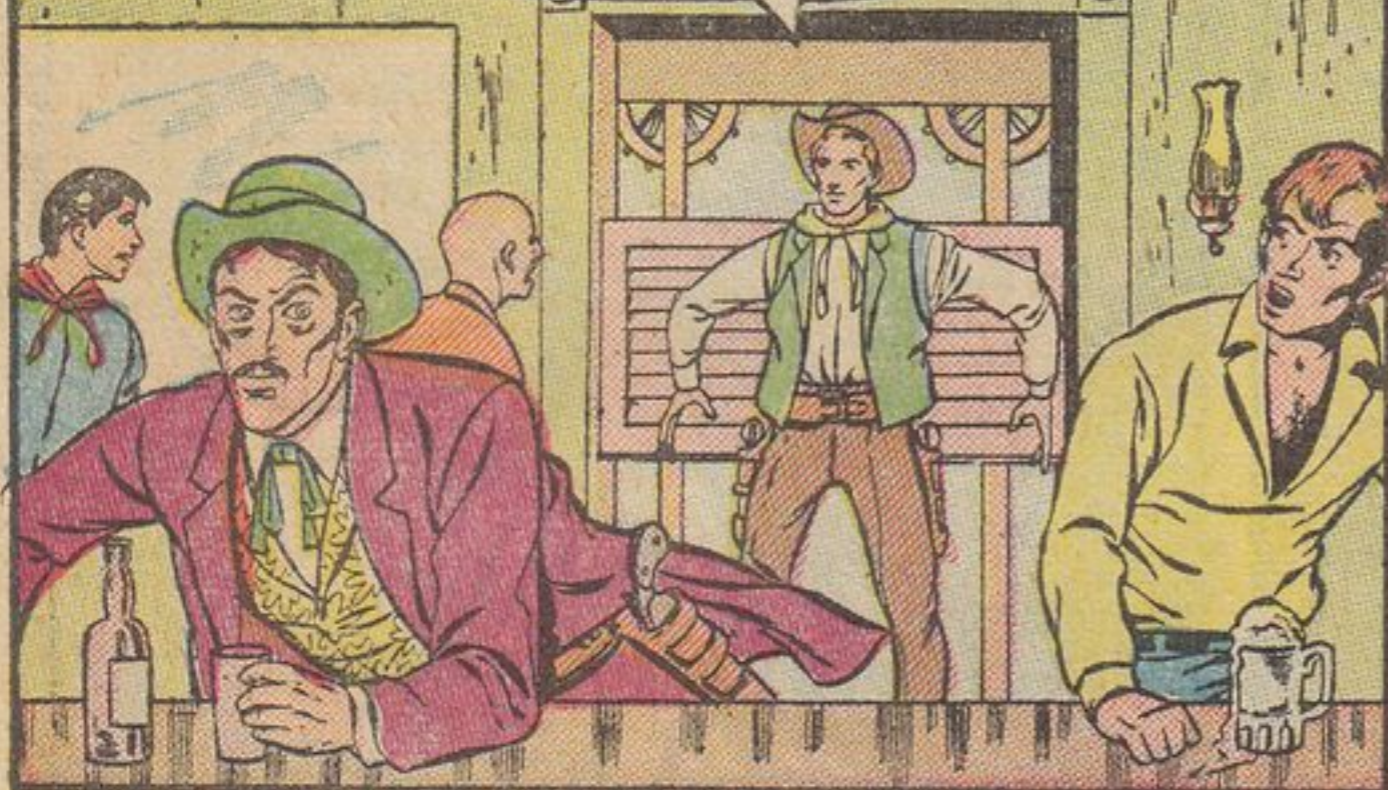
NOW HE IS ALERT BECAUSE HE HAS SEEN THE SWINGING DOORS FLY OPEN...

WELL, I'LL BE... IT'S DOC HOLLIDAY!



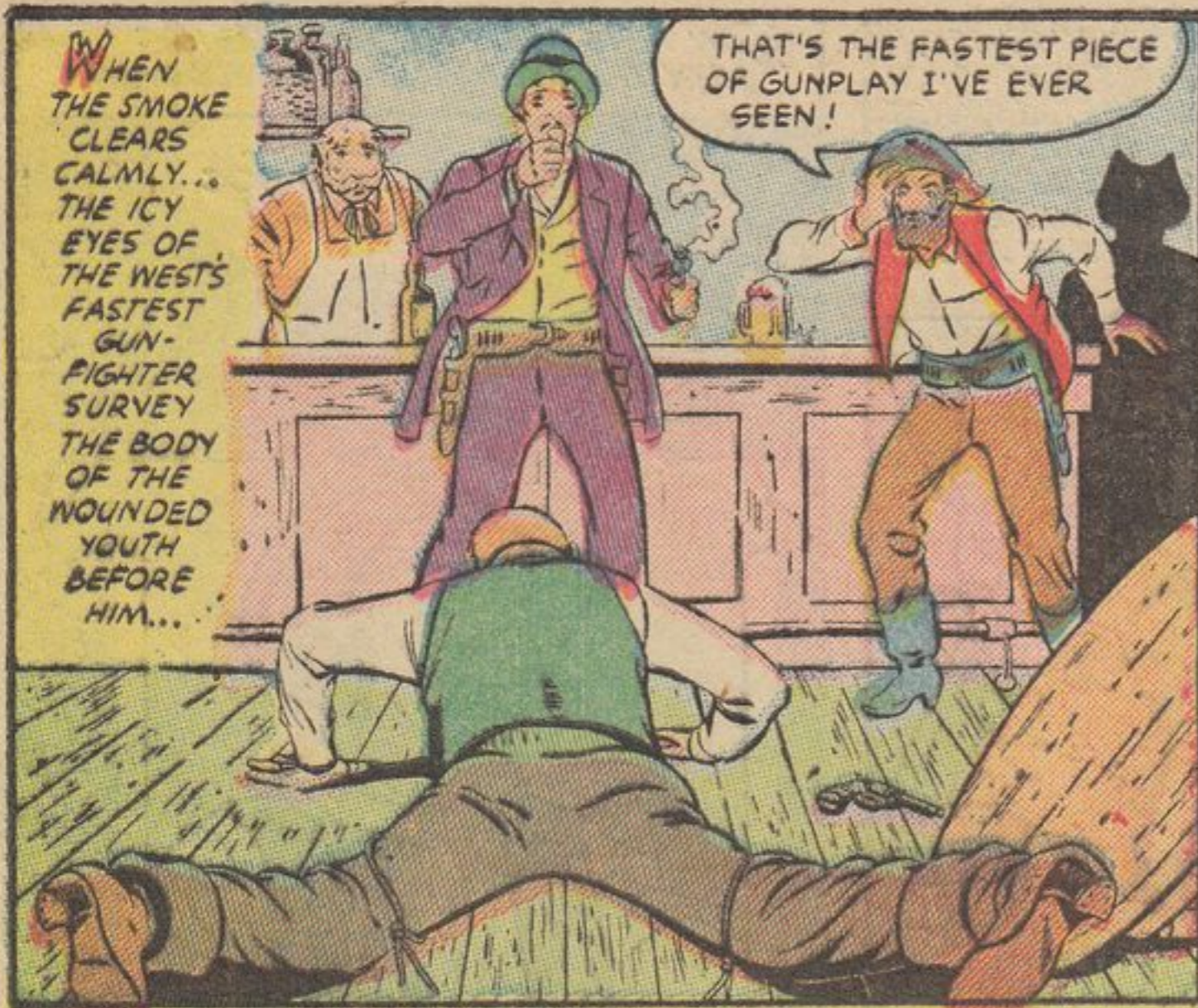
HE HAS SEEN MEN MARCH TOWARD HIM LIKE THIS BEFORE... TO A MAN LIKE DOC HOLLIDAY, THE MEANING IS CLEAR! A KID WHO KNOWS THAT WHOEVER BESTS DOC HOLLIDAY IN A GUN DUEL WILL BECOME FAMOUS OVERNIGHT!

MOVE OVER, MISTER! YUH STANDIN' AT MY PLACE...



EITHER MOVE... OR DRAW, YUH GUN-TOTER! I AIN'T A-SCARED O' YUH...





WHEN THE SMOKE CLEARS CALMLY... THE ICY EYES OF THE WEST'S FASTEST GUN-FIGHTER SURVEY THE BODY OF THE WOUNDED YOUTH BEFORE HIM...

THAT'S THE FASTEST PIECE OF GUNPLAY I'VE EVER SEEN!



HOLLIDAY'S OUR MAN! GET HIM IN HERE!



HERE'S TEN GRAND THAT SAYS YOU CAN OUTDRAW BLACK DIAMOND!

THIS'LL BE THE SAFEST INVESTMENT YOU EVER MADE, MISTER!



IT HAD BETTER BE... BECAUSE THE SCORPION DOESN'T TOLERATE FAILURES!



WHAT'S THE COMMOTION, NED?

DOC HOLLIDAY'S GOIN' AROUND AT THE RED DOG SALOON SAYIN' HE'S GONNA RUN YUH OUTA TOWN!



THAT'S NOT LIKE DOC TO GO OUT OF HIS WAY LOOKING FOR GUNPLAY! BUT IF HE'S TRYING TO PROD ME, I'LL OBLIGE!

I'M TAGGING ALONG TO MAKE SURE IT'S A FAIR FIGHT!



WHEN BLACK DIAMOND ENTERS THE RED DOG SALOON, FOR A MOMENT THE BIG, CROWDED ROOM IS QUIET. NOW THERE IS A SUDDEN HARSH SCRAPING OF CHAIRS AS THE OCCUPANTS RUSH FOR COVER...

I HEAR YOU'RE LOOKING TO RUN ME OUT OF TOWN, HOLLIDAY! IF THERE'S SOMETHING ON YOUR MIND SPEAK YOUR PIECE!



C-COUGH... THERE AIN'T ENOUGH ROOM IN THE WEST FOR BOTH OF US... C-C-COUGH! GET OUT... COUGH...



AT THAT MOMENT, A COUGHING ATTACK RENDERS DOC HOLLIDAY HELPLESS...

...C-COUGH CC-COUGH!

WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH YOU, HOLLIDAY...?

GIT 'IM NOW, MARSHAL! WHILE HE AIN'T LOOKIN'!



...C-C-COUGH, C-COUGH!

SOME WATER MIGHT EASE THAT COUGH!



EMBARRASSED BY THE OFFER OF HELP FROM A MAN HE WAS ABOUT TO SHOOT, DOC ABRUPTLY SWINGS AROUND AND RUNS THROUGH THE CROWD WHICH OPENS IN SILENCE TO LET HIM PASS...

I DON'T NEED... C-COUGH... ANY WATER, LEAVE ME ALONE...

FUNNY THING... A GUNMAN WITH A MIS-PLACED SENSE OF PRIDE!

I SAY HE'S AN UNGRATEFUL RATTLER!

COMPLETELY CONFUSED, DOC RETURNS TO THE SHADOWS ONCE MORE! FOR DAYS HE HIDES IN HIS ROOM...

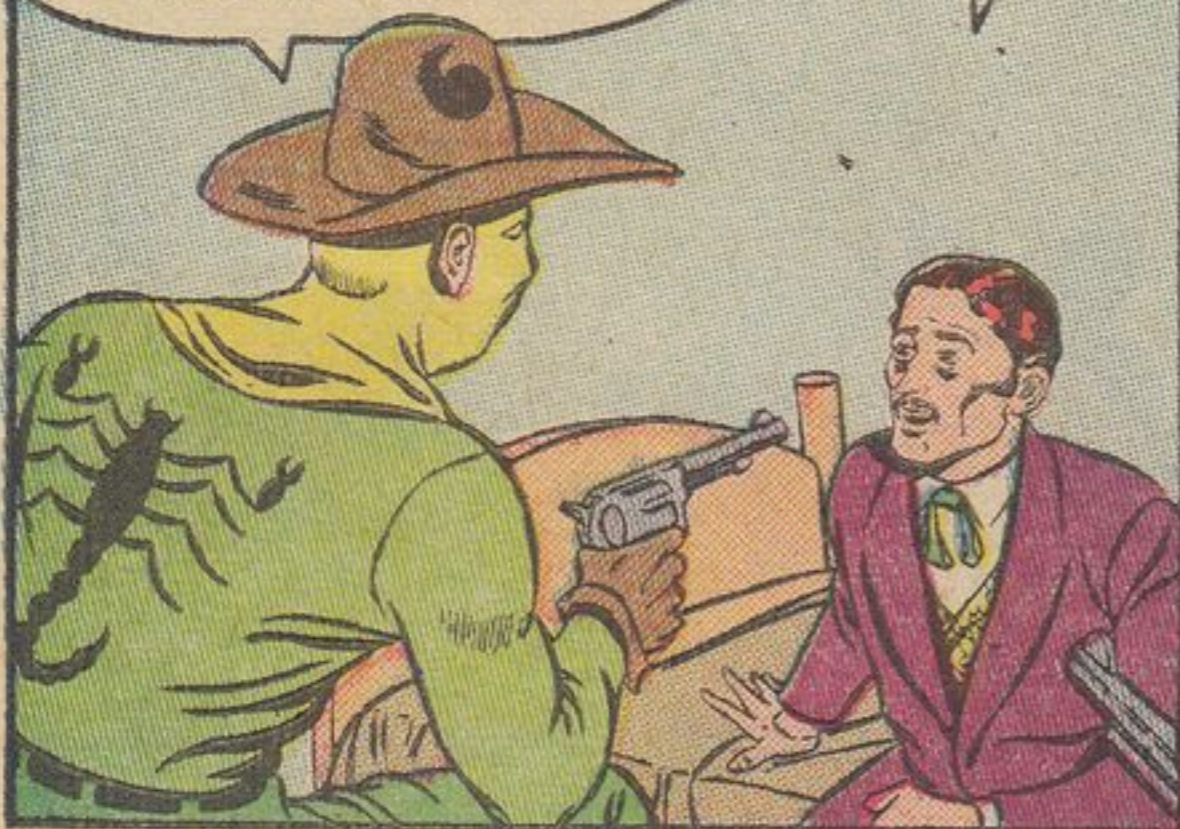


ONE NIGHT, HE WAKES UP TO FIND HIMSELF STARING INTO THE GUN BARREL OF...



WHAT A FOOL I WAS TO TRUST THE DOUBLE CROSSING DOC HOLLIDAY! BUT I'M GOING TO GIVE YOU TWENTY-FOUR HOURS TO GET DIAMOND... OR YOU'LL FEEL THE STING OF THE SCORPION!

I'LL KEEP MY BARGAIN...EVEN THOUGH I WAS PLUMB LOCO TO MAKE IT!

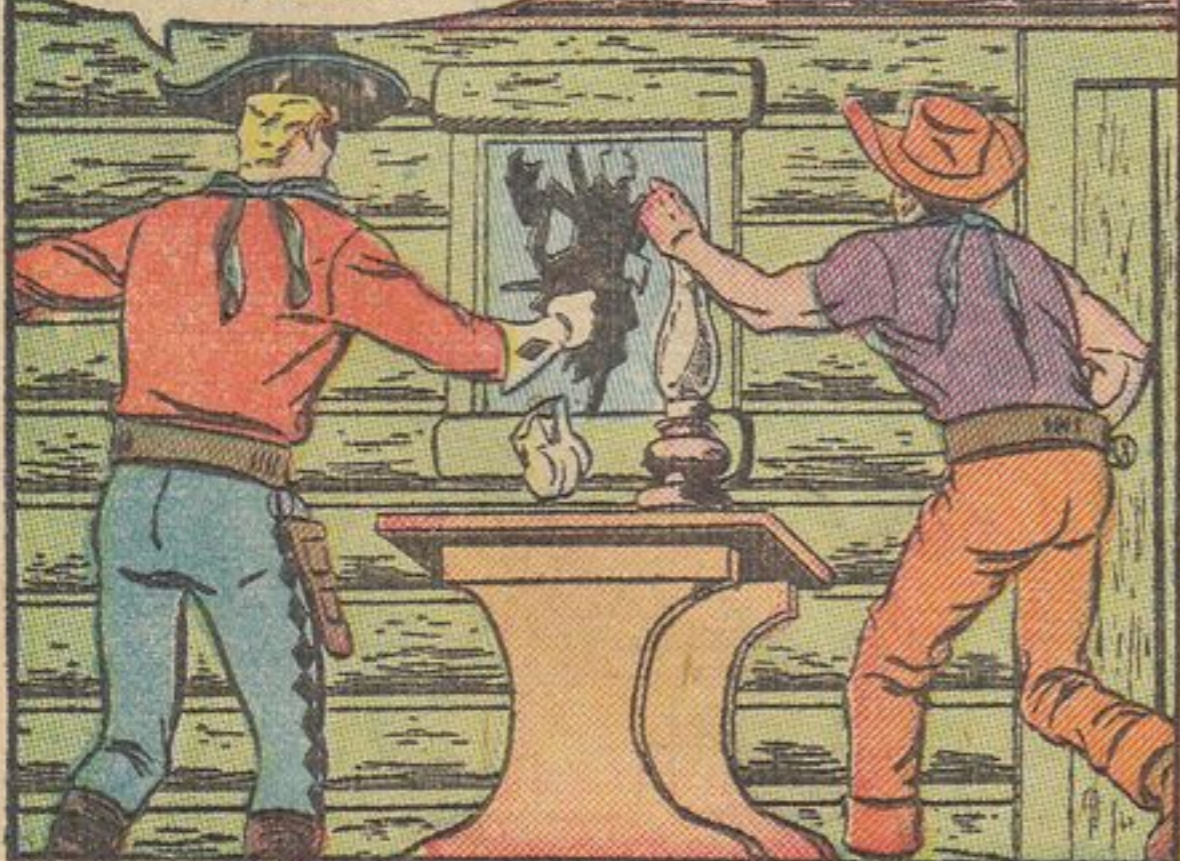


CHANGE YOUR MIND, AND EVERY OUTLAW IN THE WEST WILL BE OUT TO SALIVATE YOU! REMEMBER... TWENTY-FOUR HOURS!



THAT NIGHT...A ROCK COMES THROUGH THE WINDOW OF THE MARSHAL'S OFFICE WITH A LOUD CRASH...

WHAT'S THAT... HUH? A ROCK WITH A NOTE ATTACHED...



"OUR NEXT RENDEZVOUS WILL BE AT SUNUP! BE THERE, DIAMOND! DOC HOLLIDAY!"



AT DAWN, A SCENE OF STRUGGLE IS COMING TO A HEAD...TWO LONE FIGURES APPEAR IN THE DESERTED STREETS...

I KNOW YOU WON'T BELIEVE THIS, DIAMOND BUT YOU'LL BE THE FIRST MAN I'M SORRY TO SHOOT!

WHO'S FORCING YOUR HAND, DOC?



BUT AS THE TWO DUELISTS YANK OUT THEIR GUNS... THE SMALL FIGURE OF A CHILD PLUNGES BETWEEN THEM! DIAMOND IS QUICKER THAN DOC HOLLIDAY, AND 'S ABLE TO BRING HIS GUNS TO A SUDDEN HALT...

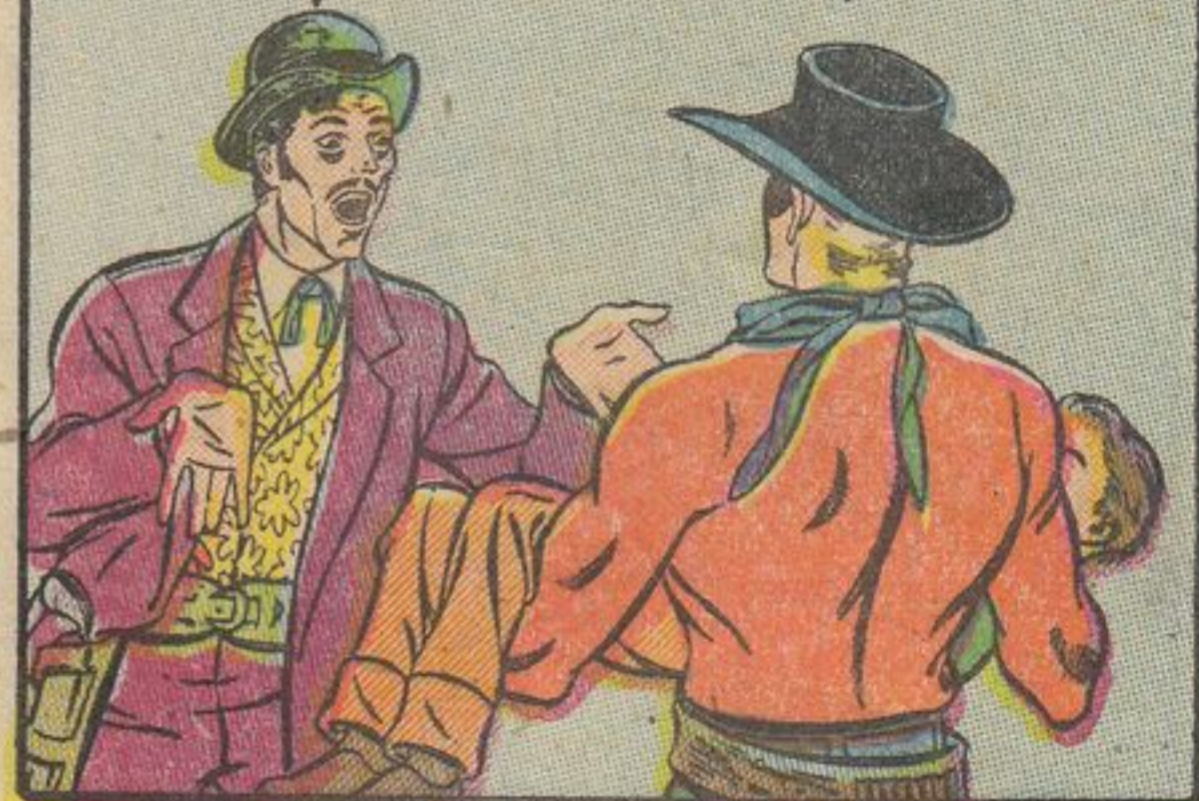
LOOK OUT! A KID!



BUT IT'S TOO LATE, FOR IN THE NEXT INSTANT...DOC'S SHOT FELS THE BOY! BOTH MEN RUSH TO HIS SIDE...

HOLY FISHFRY! WHAT HAVE I DONE...? I WOULDN'T GUN A KID!

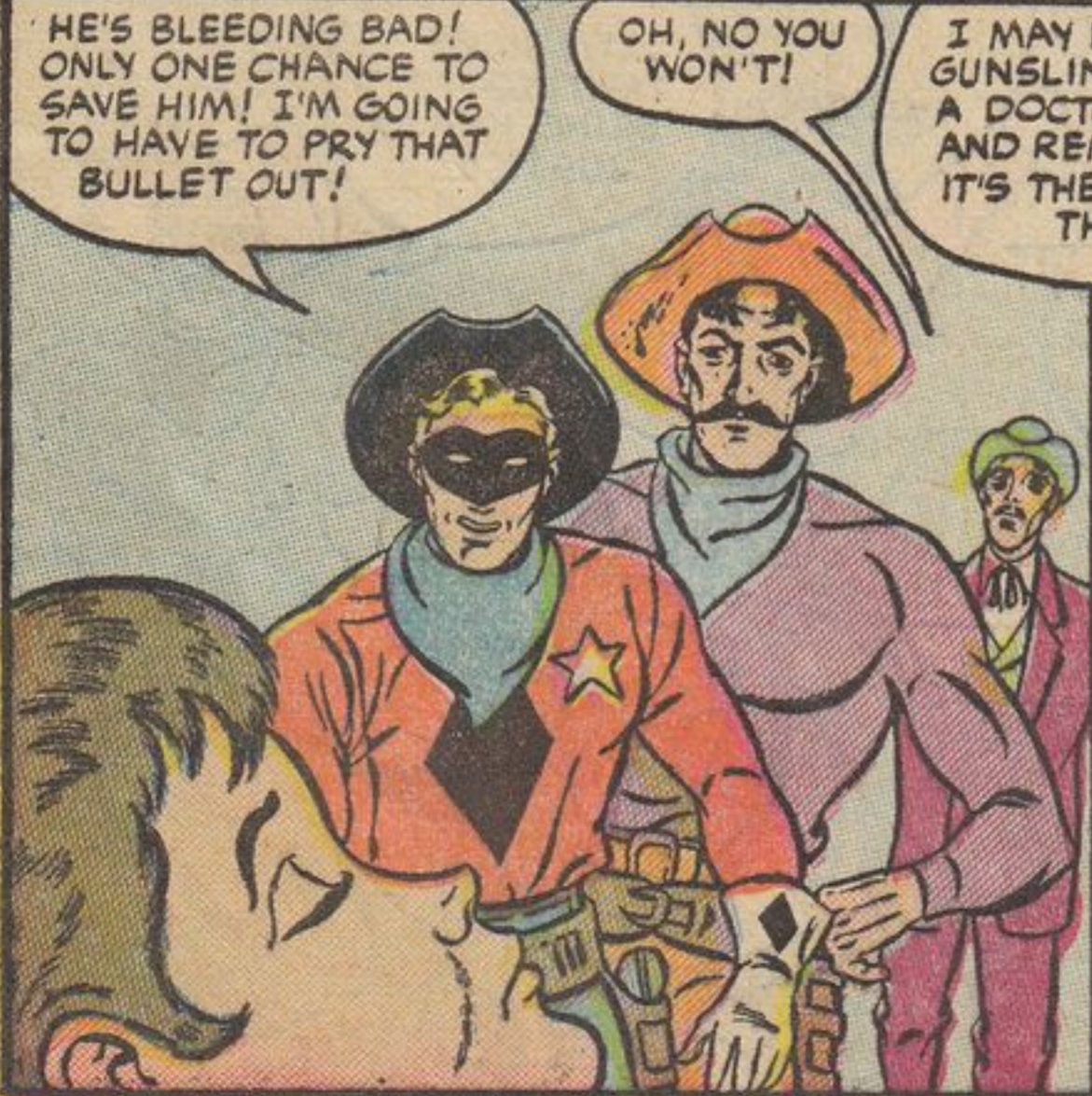
IF THIS BOY DIES...YOU'LL HANG!



HE'S BLEEDING BAD! ONLY ONE CHANCE TO SAVE HIM! I'M GOING TO HAVE TO PRY THAT BULLET OUT!

OH, NO YOU WON'T!

I MAY BE A MURDERING GUNSLINGER... BUT I'M ALSO A DOCTOR! LET ME OPERATE AND REMOVE THE BULLET! IT'S THE ONLY WAY TO SAVE THE BOY!



BURSTING INTO MOTION, DOC HOLLIDAY ACTS TO SAVE HIS YOUNG VICTIM...



I'LL JUST PROBE A LITTLE DEEPER...

SELDOM HAS BLACK DIAMOND SEEN SO IRONIC A TWIST! A MAN WHO HAS DESTROYED LIFE SO OFTEN...NOW FIGHTING TO SAVE LIFE...



...AND HERE'S THE BULLET!



THE KID WILL BE AS GOOD AS NEW IN A FEW WEEKS! AS FOR ME, I'M THROUGH KILLING! I'M GOING TO RETURN THE SCORPION'S MONEY! SO WHAT IF HIS STOOGES GET ME, I'M A DOOMED MAN ANYWAY!

SO HE'S THE TWO-LEGGED COYOTE BEHIND ALL THIS!



YOU KNOW I'LL HAVE TO TAKE YOU IN TO FACE TRIAL FOR YOUR CRIMES! AT LEAST IN JAIL YOU'LL BE SAFE FROM THE SCORPION!

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MY LIFE, I FEEL SOME PEACE, AND JUST AT THE THOUGHT OF PAYING FOR MY CRIMES! LET'S GO, MARSHAL!



AFTER DOC HOLLIDAY IS TURNED OVER TO THE SHERIFF, DIAMOND AND BUMPER RIDE TO PICK UP THE TRAIL OF THE SCORPION...

THERE GO THE WEST'S MIGHTIEST FIGHTERS ON THE SIDE OF LAW AND ORDER!

BUMPER! I'VE GOT A STRONG HUNCH THE SCORPION'S COMING TO THE END OF HIS ROAD...

...WE'LL BE WAITING TO BRING HIM TO JUSTICE!



WANTED



GARSON KANE
HE FOUGHT ALONG SIDE OF RENEGADE INDIANS WHEN THEY ATTACKED A WHITE SETTLEMENT!



JAMES NORBY
HE WOUNDED A LAWMAN WHILE STICKING UP A BANK!



BUCK THOMPSON
A GAMBLER WHO SHOT TWO MEN WHEN THEY CAUGHT HIM CHEATING IN CARDS!

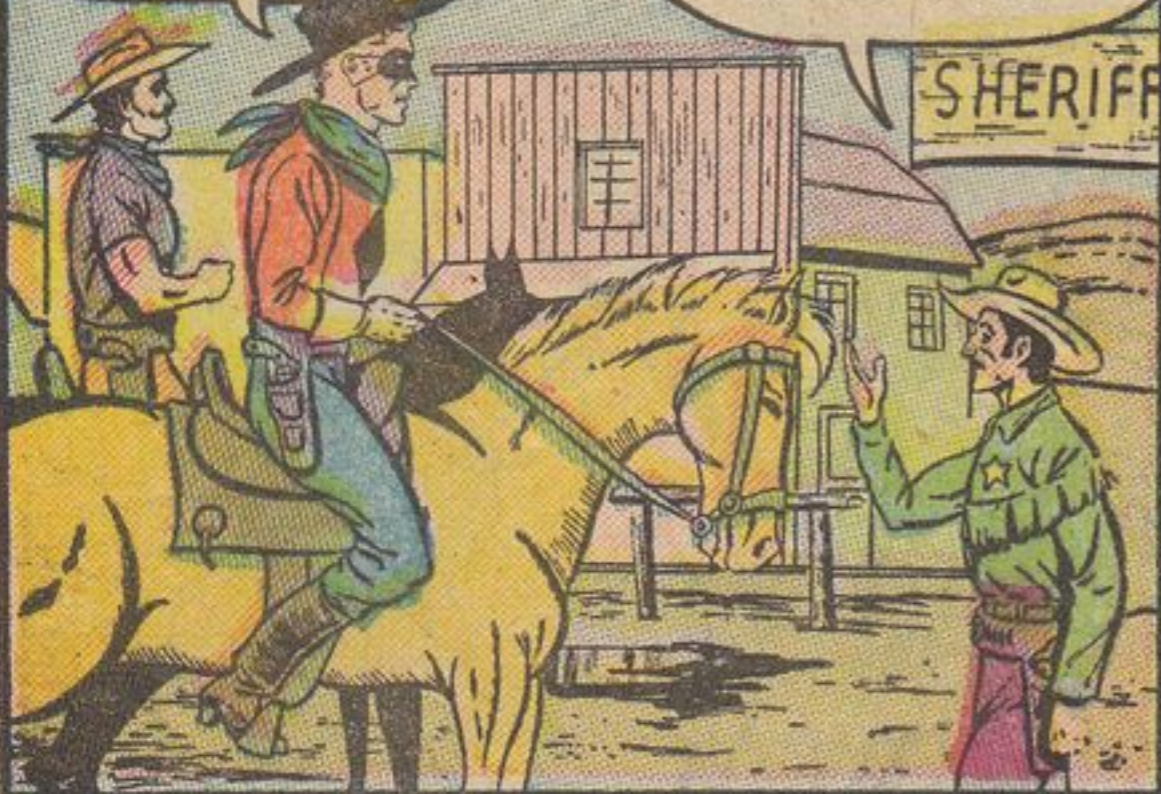
NEVER IN THE ANNALS OF WESTERN HISTORY HAVE ANY THREE CONVICTS HAD A MORE INFAMOUS RECORD THAN GARSON KANE, JAMES NORBY AND BUCK THOMPSON! WHEN THEY BREAK OUT OF DODGE CITY JAIL, SHERIFF WYATT EARP CALLS ON BLACK DIAMOND FOR HELP IN THEIR CAPTURE! DIAMOND PROVES HIS RIGHT TO HOLD THE MARSHAL'S BADGE... AS HE MATCHES BRAINS AND BULLETS AGAINST THE DESPERADOES WHO...

ESCAPED!

IN DODGE CITY, BLACK DIAMOND AND HIS FIGHTING AIDE, BUMPER, VISIT SHERIFF WYATT EARP...

DON'T WORRY, SHERIFF! THOSE THREE CUNS WILL NEVER GET AWAY WITH THE WHOLE STATE OF KANSAS UP IN ARMS AFTER THEM!

I DON'T KNOW HOW THEY GOT OUT OF THE DODGE CITY JAIL, BUT THEY DID! THEY MUST BE PART CAT AND PART RATTLESNAKE!



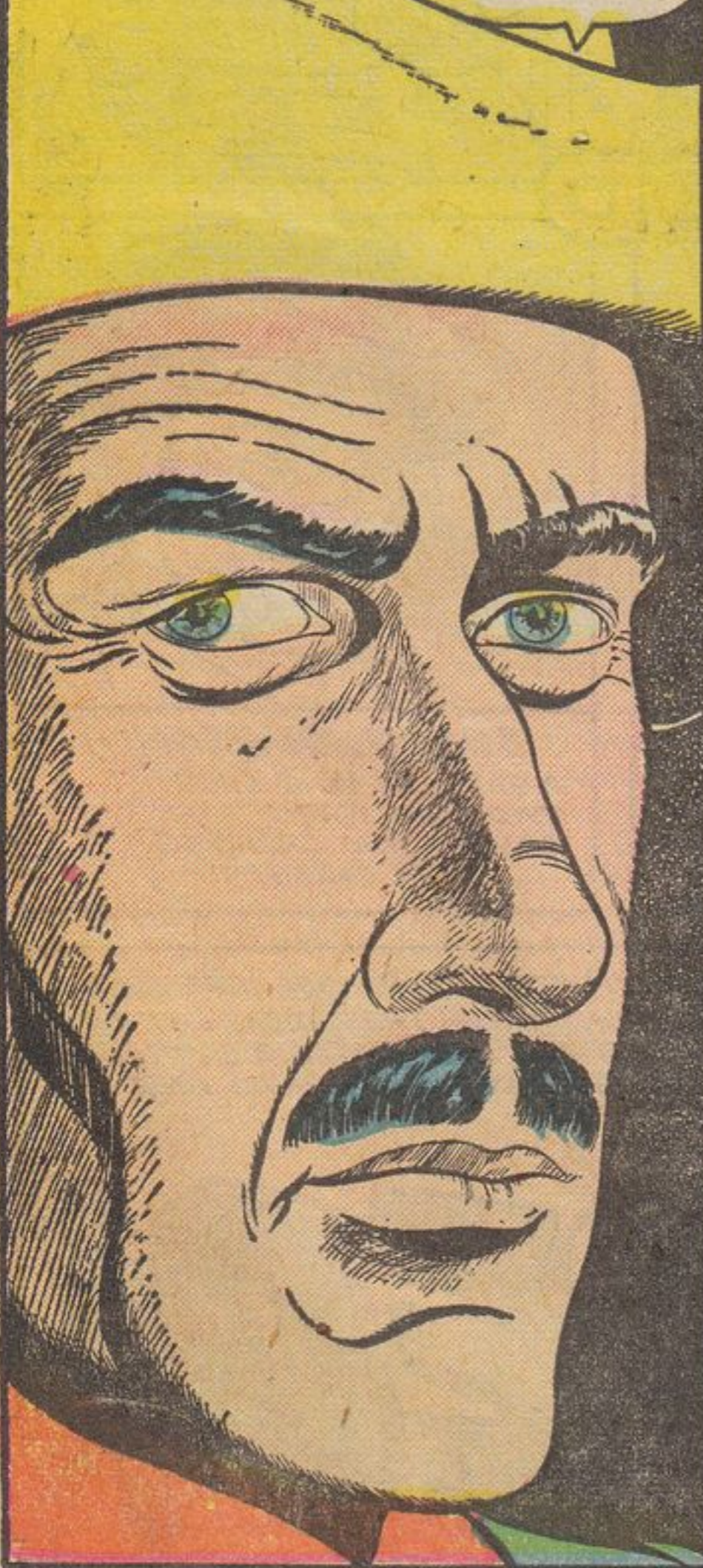
EARP WARNS DIAMOND OF THE DANGER...

THESE MEN MUST BE STOPPED! THEY SHOOT WITHOUT REASON! WHEN THEY ESCAPED, THEY HURT ONE OF THE DEPUTIES!

WE'LL COMB THE COUNTRYSIDE!

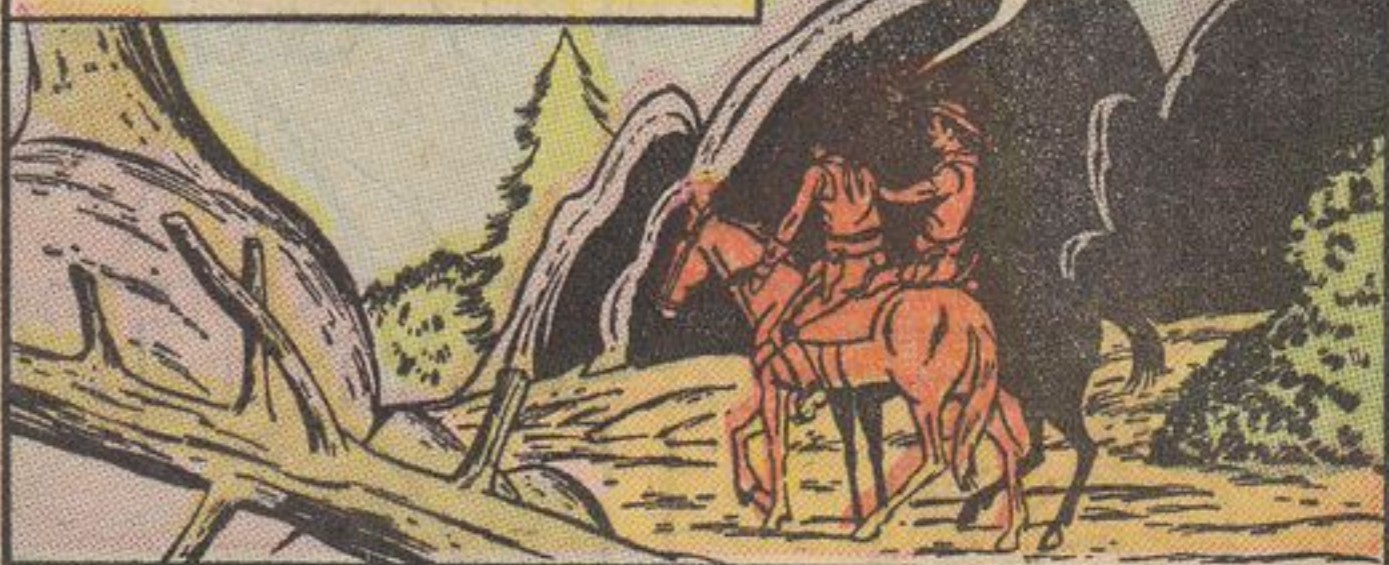


THEY'RE HEADED NORTH AND THEY WON'T LEAVE ANY TRACKS! BUT IF I KNOW THESE MEN, THEY'LL LEAVE A TRAIL OF BLOOD BEHIND THEM!

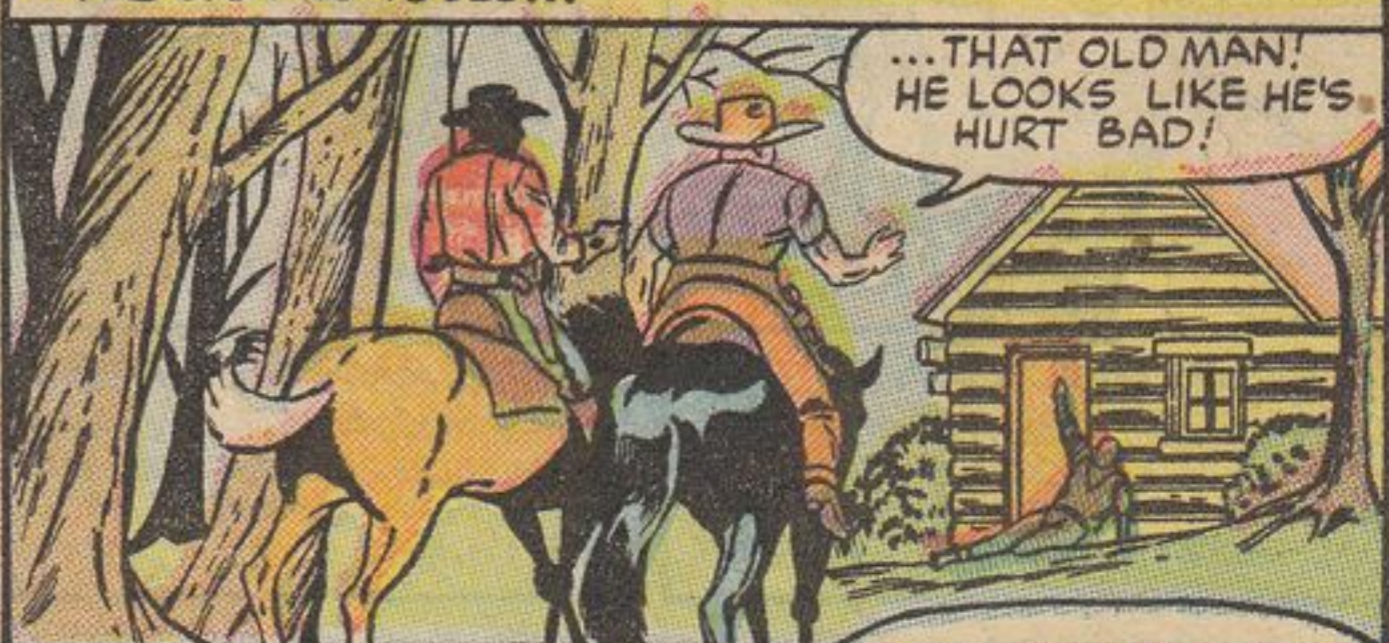


DIAMOND AND BUMPER PICK UP THE TRAIL, BUT TRAGICALLY, EARP'S WORDS RING TRUE ALL TOO SOON...

THAT LOOKS LIKE SMOKE! LET'S GO...



HARD RIDING BRINGS THEM TO A FARMHOUSE, WHERE THEY ARE STUNNED TO SEE...



LATER, UNDER DIAMOND AND BUMPER'S EXPERT FIRST-AID CARE...



WHY NOT...? YOU TWO SAVED MY LIFE!

YOU'RE LOOKING LOTS BETTER, MISTER! MAYBE YOU FEEL UP TO TELLING US WHAT THIS ATTACK IS ALL ABOUT?

... I GUESS IT STARTED THIS MORNING, WHEN I WAS COOKING UP SOME GRUB! MY DOOR WAS SUDDENLY FLUNG OPEN...

WELL... AIN'T THIS NICE? WE'RE JUST IN TIME FOR BRUNCH!

HUH? YOU'RE ALL WELCOME TO SHARE MY FOOD...

THEY TOOK ALL MY FOOD... AND MONEY! I DIDN'T GIVE THEM ANY STRUGGLE, BUT JUST BEFORE THEY RODE OFF... I WENT FOR MY GUN, BUT THEY WERE TOO FAST...

THANKS, POP! WE OWE YOU A LOT...

WATCH HIM... HE'S DRAWIN'!

THEN THEY JUST LEFT ME FOR DEAD! I MANAGED TO BUILD A FIRE TO ATTRACT HELP... AND LUCKY FOR ME, YOU TWO HAPPENED ALONG...

BEFORE LONG, DIAMOND AND BUMPER ARE ON THEIR WAY AGAIN...

GET THOSE OWLHOOTS, MARSHAL!

DON'T WORRY... WE WILL! AND THIS TIME I HOPE BEFORE THEY STRIKE AGAIN!

CLOSELY FOLLOWING, THE CONVICTS' TRAIL LEADS THEM TO AN INDIAN VILLAGE ON THE EDGE OF A GREAT PLAIN...

THESE INDIANS LOOK LIKE THEY'RE IN A HORN-TOSSING MOOD!

I DON'T UNDERSTAND IT, BUMPER! I THOUGHT RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TRIBE AND WHITE MEN HAD IMPROVED!

THEY SUDDENLY FIND THEMSELVES CONFRONTED BY HOSTILE INDIANS! SUDDENLY, ALL HEADS TURN TOWARD THE CHIEF...

DO NOT HARM THESE MEN! THEY ARE BLACK DIAMOND AND BUMPER... FRIENDS OF OUR TRIBE!

CHIEF RISING SUN! WHAT HAS STIRRED UP YOUR PEOPLE AGAINST THE WHITE MAN?



THE CHIEF EXPLAINS...

THREE MEN RODE INTO OUR VILLAGE. WE GAVE THEM FOOD AND TREATED THEM AS FRIENDS! THEIR GRATITUDE HAS BEEN TO TAKE MY YOUNG SON... AND AT GUNPOINT, FORCE HIM TO LEAD THEM ACROSS THE DESERT!

I'M TRULY SORRY FOR WHAT'S HAPPENED, RISING SUN! BUT I CAN ONLY TELL YOU THEY ARE BAD MEN AND I'M TRYING TO CAPTURE THEM! IF WE DON'T STOP THEM, THEY MAY HARM YOUR BOY!

I WILL NOT LET MY SON BE SACRIFICED BY THOSE EVIL MEN! HOW CAN I HELP, LAWMAN?



IF THERE WERE SOME WAY WE COULD GET TO THE OTHER END OF THE DESERT FIRST, WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO TAKE THEM BY SURPRISE!

THERE IS A WAY... A TRAIL OVER THE MOUNTAINS! BUT IT IS EXTREMELY DANGEROUS!



WE'LL HAVE TO TAKE OUR CHANCES!

GOOD! I WILL GATHER SOME BRAVES TO ACCOMPANY US!



THE INDIANS LEAD DIAMOND AND BUMPER OVER THE MOUNTAINS... THE TRAIL IS NARROW AND TREACHEROUS... SHEER CLIFFS OVERLOOKING A RAGING RIVER...

WATCH IT, BUMPER! ONE SLIP AND WE'RE ALL DEAD PIGEONS!



BUT THEY CROSS SAFELY WITHOUT MISHAPS, AND NOW THE DARING MARSHAL'S PLAN BECOMES CLEAR AS THEY ALL WAIT FOR THE CONVICTS TO APPEAR...

READY, MEN! HERE COME THE SIDEWINDERS!

THEY THEN... ACCORDING TO PLAN... THE THREE FUGITIVES AND THEIR CAPTIVE RIDE RIGHT INTO THE TRAP...



IT'S THE LAW! EVERY MAN FOR HIMSELF...

GRAB RUNNING DEER! WE'LL USE HIM AS A SHIELD!

BUCK THOMPSON LAGS BEHIND TO HOLD THE INDIAN BOY...



OKAY, KID! IT'S GONNA BE YOU AND ME OUTA HERE TOGETHER...

BLACK DIAMOND'S WELL-AIMED BULLET ACCOMPLISHES ITS PURPOSE! IT FELS THOMPSON, AND SAVES RUNNING DEER'S LIFE! THE TWO REMAINING CONVICTS TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE PAUSE AND MAKE THEIR BREAK ACROSS THE NARROW BRIDGE, THEN WRECKING IT!



QUICK, DIAMOND! WE'VE GOT TO GRAB THOSE TWO BEFORE THEY CAN MAKE THEIR GETAWAY!

WE'LL HAVE TO CIRCLE AROUND! THANKS FOR YOUR HELP, CHIEF! BUMPER AND I CAN HANDLE IT FROM HERE ON IN!

THE RENEWED TRAIL LEADS TO AN OLD PROSPECTOR'S CABIN WHERE...



HIT THE DIRT, BUMPER! THEY'RE HIDING OUT IN THAT CABIN DOWN THERE!

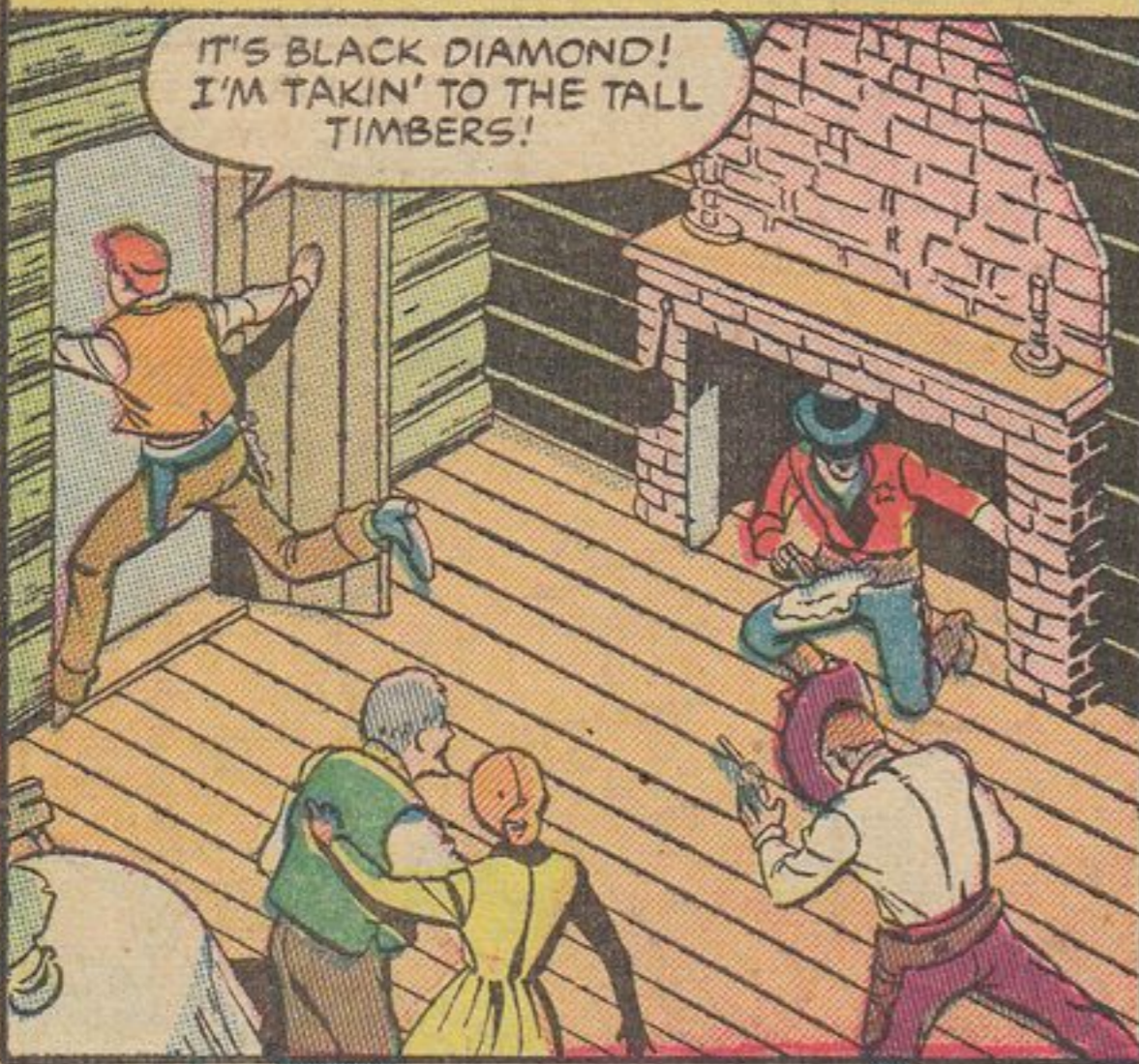
DON'T COME ANY CLOSER! THE OLD COUPLE ARE HERE WITH US!

WHILE BUMPER HOLDS THE CONVICT'S ATTENTION, DIAMOND COMPLETES THE PROCESS OF LOWERING HIMSELF ON TO THE ROOF OF THE CABIN...



NOW I KNOW HOW SANTA CLAUS MUST FEEL...

IN THE NEXT INSTANT... DIAMOND SLIDES OUT OF THE FIREPLACE, GUN BLAZING...



IT'S BLACK DIAMOND!
I'M TAKIN' TO THE TALL
TIMBERS!

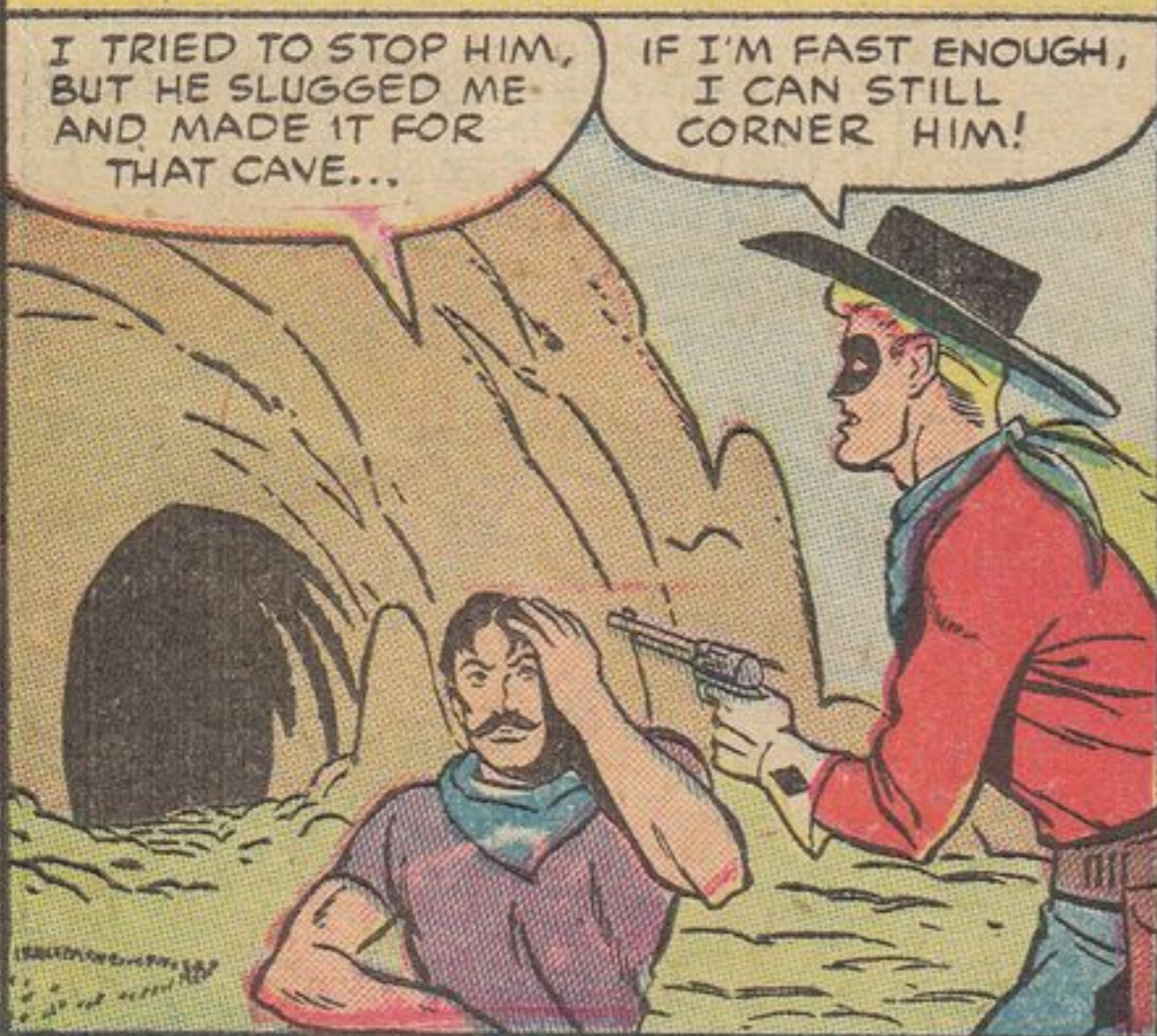
NORBY GOES DOWN UNDER DIAMOND'S GUNS,
BUT KANE MAKES IT OUT THE DOOR...



IF YOU FOLKS
ARE OKAY, I'M
GOING AFTER
MY PRISONER!

WE AIN'T BEEN
HARMED! DON'T
LET US STOP
YOU, MARSHAL!

DIAMOND RESUMES THE CHASE AND SWIFTLY CLOSES
IN ON GARSON KANE, THE REMAINING CONVICT...



I TRIED TO STOP HIM,
BUT HE SLUGGED ME
AND MADE IT FOR
THAT CAVE...

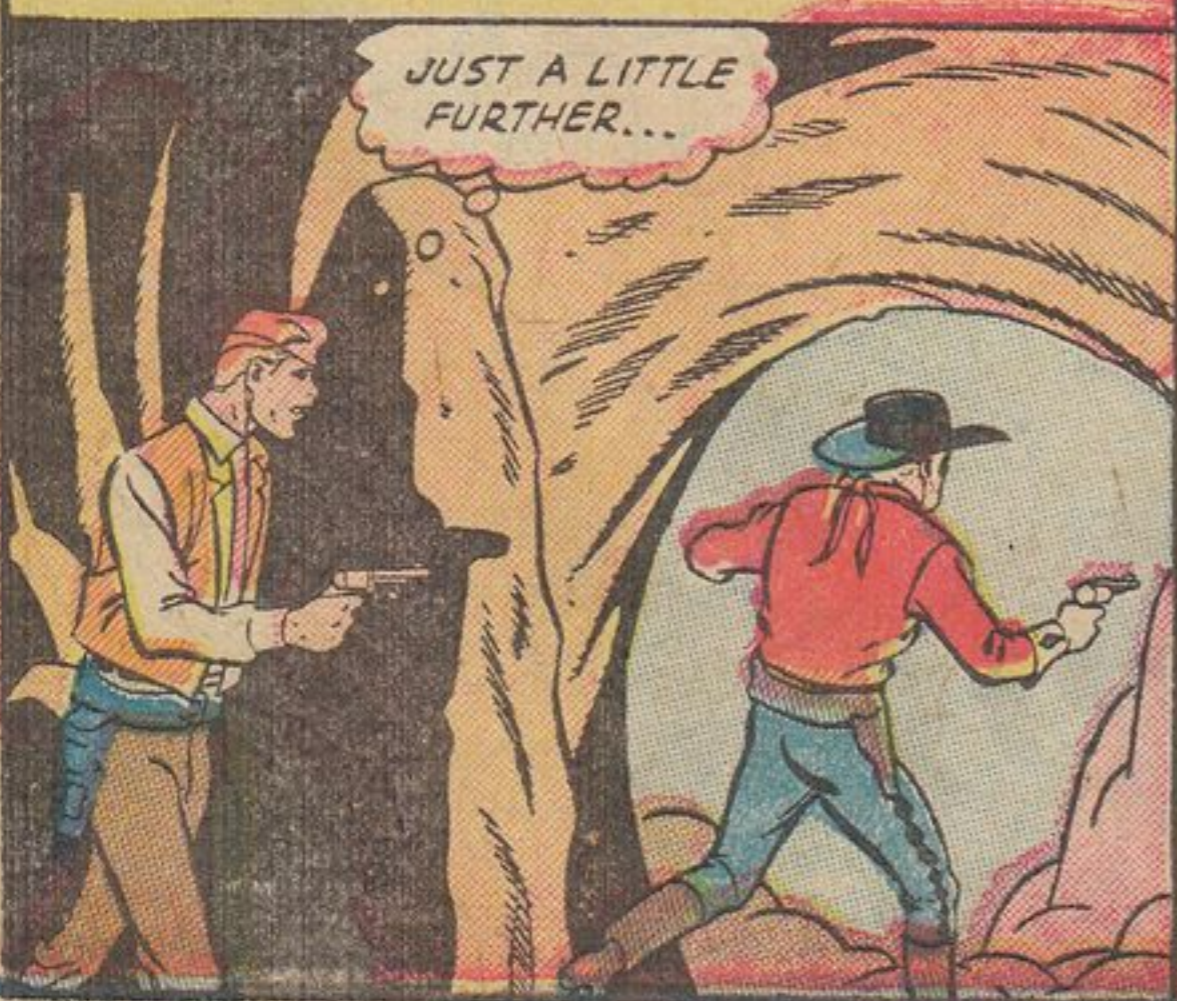
IF I'M FAST ENOUGH,
I CAN STILL
CORNER HIM!

AGIN THE GRIM MANHUNT IS ON! BUT THIS
TIME, BLACK DIAMOND IS ALONE AGAINST A
DESPERATE OUTLAW...



THROW DOWN YOUR
GUNS, KANE! YOU
HAVEN'T GOT A
CHANCE!

BUT LIKE THE CORNERED FOX HE IS, KANE PLAYS
HIS LAST HAND! HE DOUBLES BACK TO THE
MOUTH OF THE CAVE AND SNEAKS UP ON
DIAMOND...



JUST A LITTLE
FURTHER...



OKAY, LAWMAN!
NOW WE'LL SEE WHO
HASN'T GOT A
CHANCE! DROP YOUR
HARDWARE!



GET READY TO MEET YOUR MAKER...

JUST A MINUTE BEFORE YOU SHOOT ME...



CAN THIS BE TRUE... BLACK DIAMOND BEGGING FOR HIS LIFE..?

DON'T SHOOT ME! PLEASE... I WAS ONLY DOING MY JOB! I DON'T WANT TO DIE...

THAT'S THE WAY I LIKE TO SEE YOU, DIAMOND! ON YOUR KNEES, PLEADING FOR YOUR LIFE! BEG SOME MORE!

ABOVE THE CONVICT'S HEAD, THE KEEN-EYED MARSHAL SEES SOME DETACHED ROCKS! HE STALLS FOR TIME, HOPING THE LOUD YELLING WILL CAUSE VIBRATIONS AND JAR THEM LOOSE...



NO, NO, PLEASE...

LADY LUCK IS ON DIAMOND'S SIDE, BECAUSE AT THAT MOMENT, THE ROCKS PELT DOWN ON THE CONVICT..



IT WORKED! THOSE OVER-SIZED MARBLES SAVED MY LIFE!

BACK AT THE DODGE CITY JAIL...



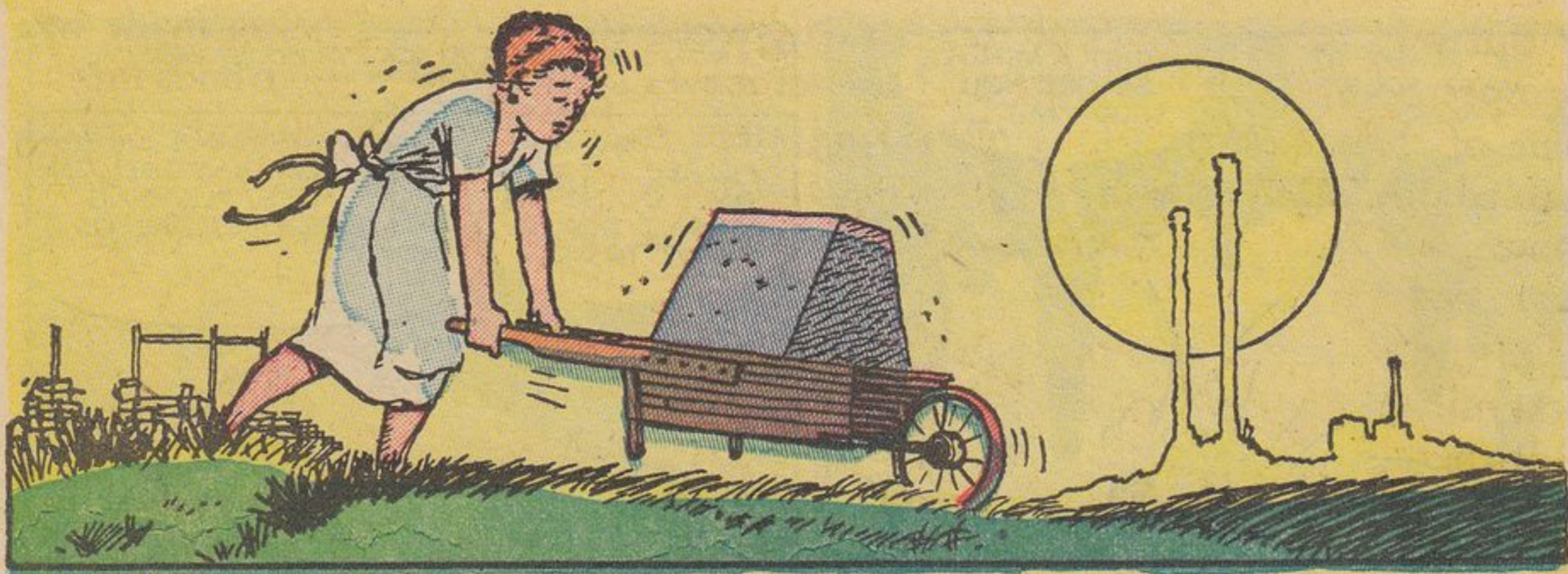
HERE'S YOUR ESCAPED CONVICT, SHERIFF! COULDN'T DELIVER THE OTHER TWO... THEY HAD A DATE TO KEEP... ON BOOT HILL!

I THINK THE GALLOWS WILL SEE KANE KEEPING THE SAME DATE!



THE WEST WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO THANK YOU TWO ENOUGH FOR WHAT YOU DID!

KNOWING THOSE THREE OUTLAWS ARE OUT OF BUSINESS IS ENOUGH THANKS FOR ME AND BUMPER!



LOST LITTLE JOY

by Wayne Bracone

There are so many stories about the Old West that Black Diamond has told me around a campfire, that sometimes I don't know which one to tell you.

Of course, most of the Black Diamond's exploits, as U. S. Marshal, were in the cattle country, in Montana, Wyoming and way down deep in Texas.

One of the most romantic states, however, is Nevada, which in the early days was wild and wooly indeed, but most of the activity centered around mining booms, because most of the desert area was too dry and parched for cattle grazing. Besides who had time to raise cattle when there were millions of dollars in gold and silver waiting to be taken from the ground.

Nevada was always a fabulous state. Untold fortunes were made in Nevada long before Las Vegas had a population of 500 people. Wherever prospectors struck gold, a boom town was built. It flourished for a few years and died. But during those few years these desert oases presented a rich and gay life, unmatched in New York, London or Paris. Deluxe dance halls were built, some of them with three bands to play, and hotels rivaled the best in the big cities. Newly rich prospectors dined formally in evening clothes, and the biggest and best theaters of the day, starring the world's most noted actors, sprang up in a dozen or more Nevada towns. There were luxurious and gaudy opera houses in Carson City, Reno, Tonapah and Goldfield, to name a few.

Tourists will find no area more fascinating today than Nevada, whether it be the unbelievable magic city of Las Vegas or the ghost town of Rhyolite. Nevada is a big state, but there are few people; wide-open spaces, beautiful highways and countless sights of thrilling historic interest. Go There!

This is a story of other days — the time of the first big boom in Goldfield. Goldfield, today, has only a handful of people and dozens of long-abandoned houses, buildings and homes. Some day, Black Diamond thinks it will be a boom town again because any area which produced so much gold, silver and other precious metals is bound to develop fabulously rich uranium properties.

But way back in 1900 or thereabouts, when fortunes were being made by prospectors and promoters, there were some who could hardly make ends meet. One of these families, long since forgotten, had a beautiful little daughter named Joy. Now one of the hazards of frontier life at the time was lack of water, and epidemic disease, especially a disease known as the Black Plague, was common.

Little Joy fell sick of the Black Plague — desperately sick. While her father was miles away in the desert, her devoted mother tendered her with every care. But there was no water to cool the fever, and no doctor to give help. Hour after hour, day and night, Joy's mother, frantic and tearful, kept watch over her bedside. Then on the third night Joy died.

The mother knew that she and her husband were so poor that they could not stay in Goldfield, even in the midst of this big boom. The local undertaker buried little Joy on the outskirts of town in a crude makeshift desert cemetery.

The mother could not bear the thought of leaving her darling daughter in an unmarked grave among the sagebrush and Joshua trees. And this was the amazing thing!

The mother was not strong, but she had a God-given, almost supernatural, strength, because of her devotion to her dear daughter. During the night she took a wheelbarrow that was handy in the yard and went down the main street to a plot where a new hotel was under construction. The keystone had not yet been put in place. Normally, it would take three men to lift it, yet she, alone, lifted this huge stone into the wheelbarrow and pushed it almost three miles to the cemetery where little Joy lay buried.

With superhuman strength she pushed the keystone into position to mark the grave and then on the upright stone, with a chisel and hammer, she marked the letters:—

JOY

Then she went home to greet her returning husband and both packed and left Goldfield forever.

Perhaps it is not strange that no one reported the theft and that no posse went after the lady, who took the keystone. This brave father and mother are long since forgotten, even their names are unknown. But every year some of the good people of Goldfield on Decoration Day have gone out to the cemetery and placed flowers on the grave of little Joy.

And if you go in your travels to what is left of old Goldfield and ask some oldtimer the way to the old cemetery, you will see the keystone marker on the grave of little Joy — and I'll bet you'll see a bunch of flowers on the grave—even after 55 years!



THE PHANTOM HORSEMEN RODE... AND EVEN BLACK DIAMOND HAD TO ADMIT THEY HAD HIM BAFLED! THE DREADFUL FIGURES COULD CERTAINLY BE SEEN, BUT BULLETS SEEMED TO DO THEM NO HARM! WHAT SECRET LAY BEHIND THE AWFUL APPARITION THAT THREATENED THE PEACEFUL TOWN OF HARD LUCK? ONLY BLACK DIAMOND, HEROIC MARSHAL OF THE WEST, DARED TO FACE THE TERROR OF THE UNKNOWN IN A GRIM ATTEMPT TO EXPOSE THE...

GHOST RIDERS

from the HILLS

L-LOOK! IT'S THE GHOSTS... OF THE LOST BATTALION... RETURNED FROM THE DEAD!

NO! IT CAN'T BE!



NIGHTTIME... AND A PALE MOON SHINES DOWN UPON THE SLOPING GRAZINGLANDS OF HARD LUCK VALLEY AS BLACK DIAMOND AND BUMPER RIDE THE TRAILS...

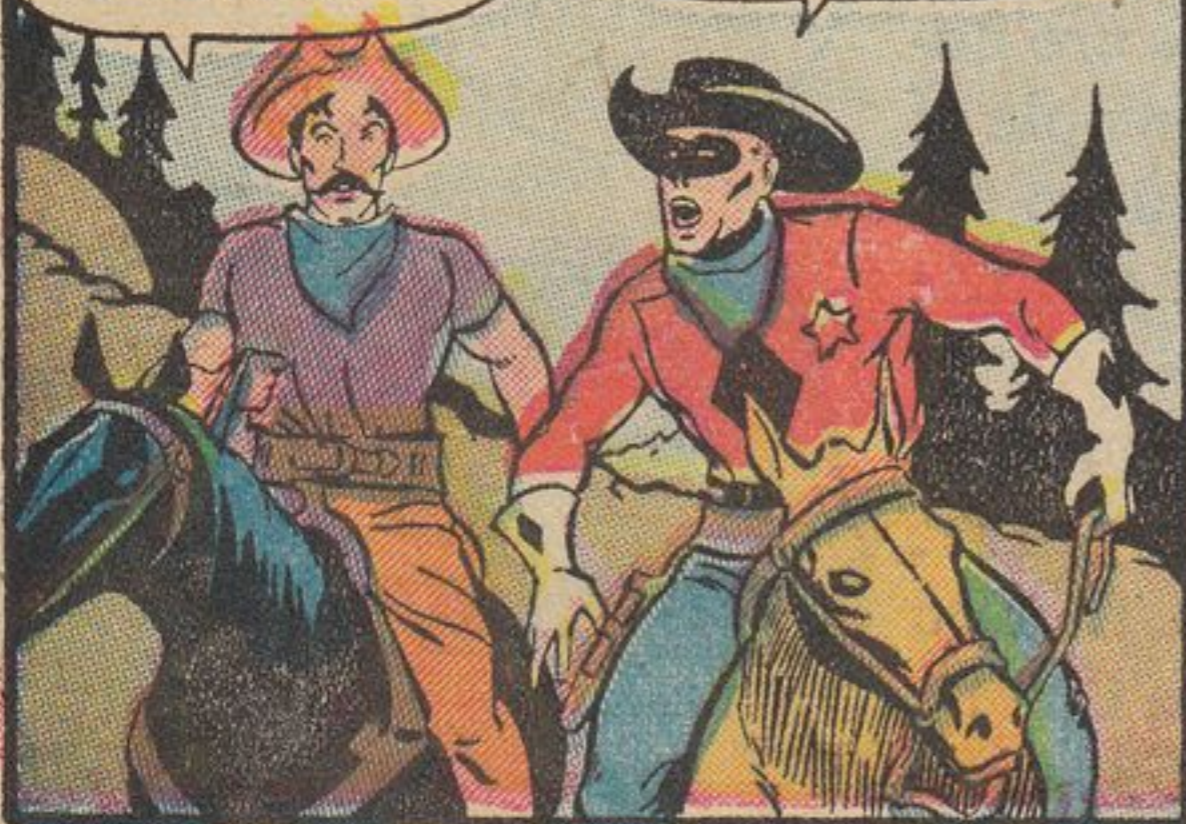
MINUTES LATER, THEY RIDE INTO A ROCKY GORGE WHERE THEY COME UPON A FEAR-CRAZED OLD RANCHER...

HOLD IT, DIAMOND! WAS THAT A SCREAM I HEARD...?

SURE SOUNDED LIKE ONE! LET'S FIND OUT!

I SAW 'EM! THE GHOST RIDERS... THEY CAME OUTA NOWHERE, MARSHAL! I FIRED AT 'EM, BUT THEY KEPT FLOATIN' RIGHT TOWARD ME...

STEADY, THERE! YOU KNOW THERE AREN'T ANY GHOSTS!



SOON AFTER... AT THE OLD MAN'S RANCH, DIAMOND EXPLAINS THE STRANGE EPISODE TO HIS DAUGHTER...

...SO YOU SEE MA'AM, HE JUST HAD A BAD SHOCK! HE'LL BE ALL RIGHT ONCE YOU GET HIM INTO BED!

POOR DAD!

DON'T YOU GO TREATIN' ME LIKE A CRAZY OLD CODGER TOO! I-I KNOW WHAT I SAW, DAUGHTER! THEY WERE GHOSTS! AN' THEY WERE A-GLOWIN' TOO!



WITH THE OLD MAN TUCKED SAFELY AWAY IN BED, BLACK DIAMOND AND THE GIRL CONFER...

YOU AND I DON'T BELIEVE IN GHOSTS, MARSHAL... BUT I'VE GOT TO AGREE WITH DAD, THERE HAVE BEEN SOME QUEER GOINGS-ON! THAT IS EVER SINCE THIS TOWN ACQUIRED THE HANDLE OF "HARD LUCK!"



"...THE VALLEY GOT ITS NAME DURING THE APACHE UPRISING WHEN A BATTALION OF SOLDIERS RODE INTO AN AMBUSH AND WERE MASSACRED! IT'S SAID THAT ON CERTAIN NIGHTS THEIR SPIRITS GET UP AND RIDE OUT ON PATROL..."

WH-WHAT IN BLAZES... I-I MUST BE SEEING THINGS! GLOWING RIDERS COMING... L-LOOK!

GHOSTS... I'M GETTIN' OUT OF THIS VALLEY PRONTO!



"THE HARDIER TOWNSPEOPLE REMAINED... LIKE POOR WILL YANCEY, ONE OF THE BEST BRONC-BUSTERS IN THESE PARTS! FELL OFF HIS OWN HORSE ONE DAY AND WAS FATALLY INJURED..."

THE HORSE AIN'T BEEN BORN YET THAT COULD THROW YANCEY! IT MUST BE THIS VALLEY! WE'VE BEEN JINXED!



"...THEN THE DREADED HOOF-IN-MOUTH DISEASE CAME AND WIPED OUT ENTIRE HERDS OF CATTLE..."

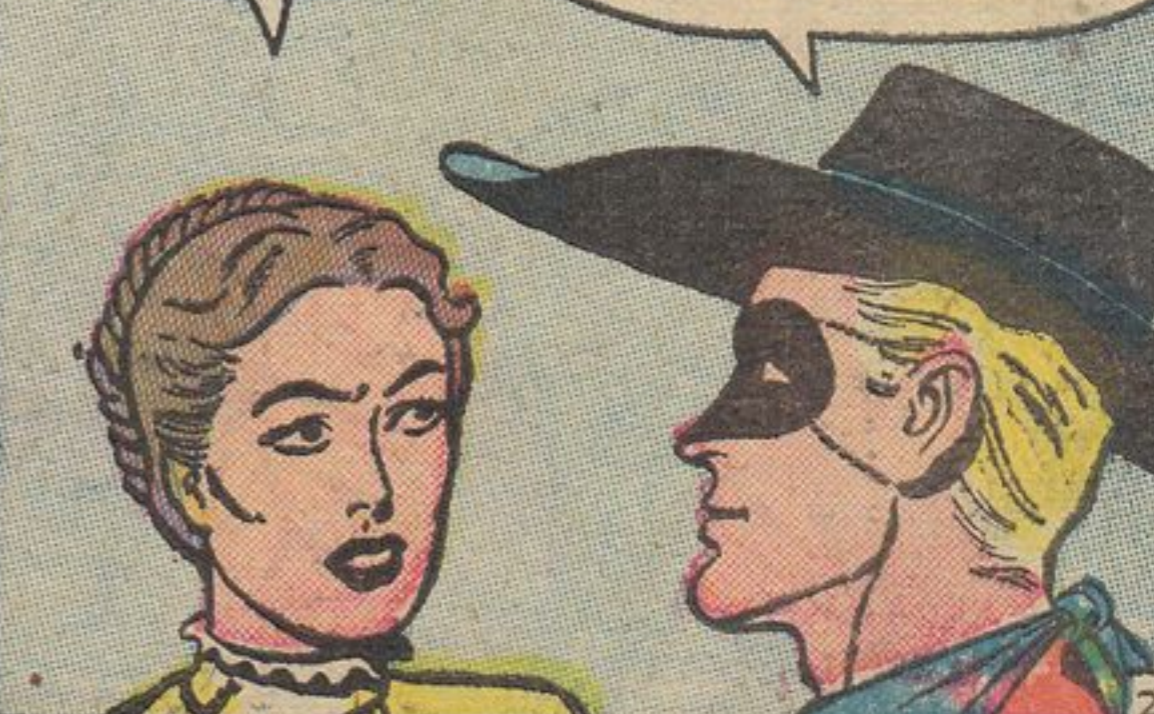
THEY'RE ALL DEAD! FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN HOOF-IN-MOUTH DISEASE IN THIS PART OF THE COUNTRY!

THIS WHOLE VALLEY'S BEEN CURSED!

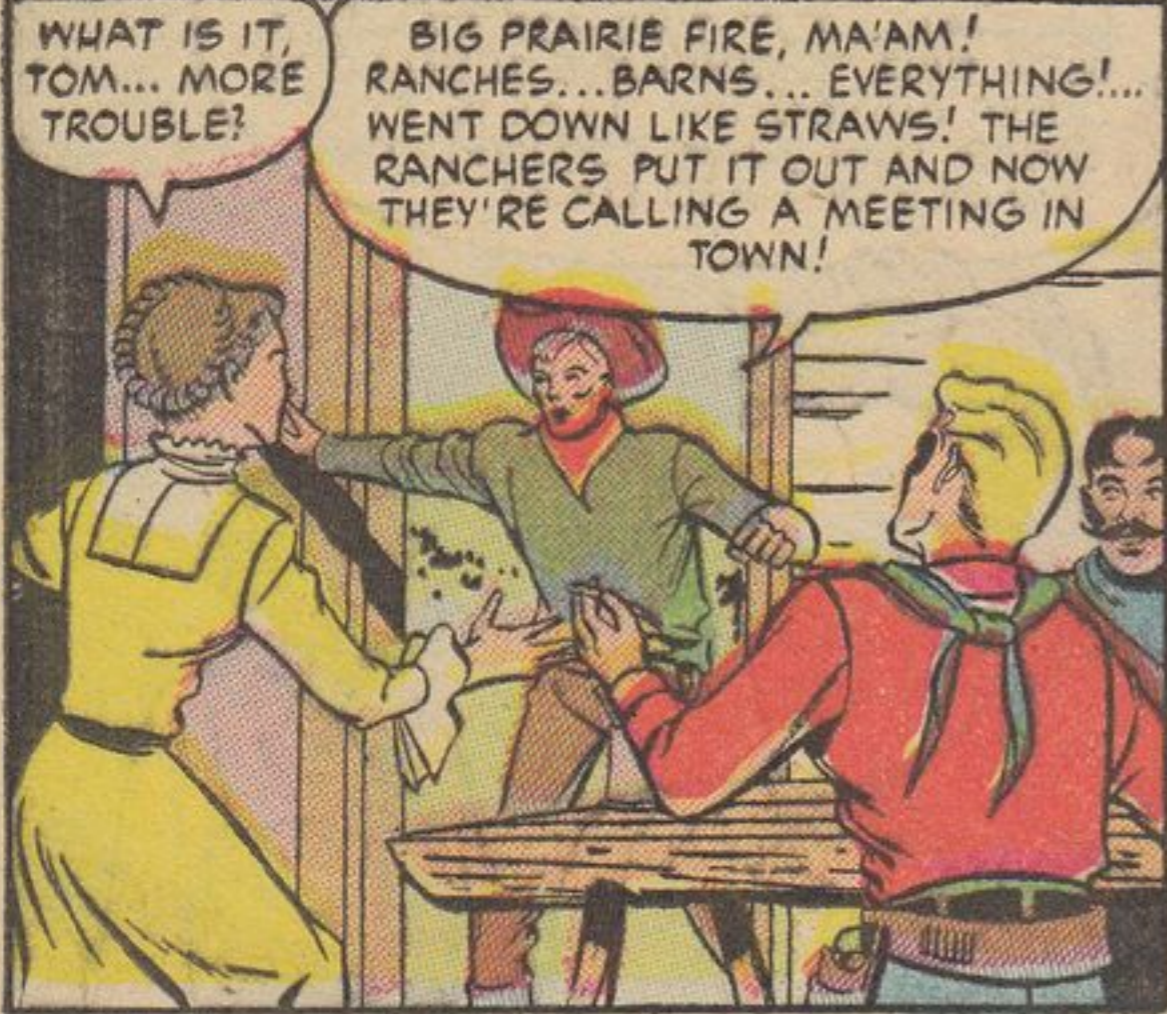


I GUESS THAT'S WHY THE NAME "HARD LUCK VALLEY" STUCK TO THIS TOWN... AND STUCK HARD! IF ANYTHING ELSE HAPPENS HERE, EVERYONE LEFT WILL PACK UP AND LEAVE!

I'LL BET MY SADDLE AGAINST A SACK OF OATS THAT WHOEVER CAUSED THESE MISFORTUNES WAS NO GHOST! THERE'S SOME CROOKED WORK AFOOT HERE... AND BEFORE WE LEAVE, BUMPER AND I ARE GOING TO FIND OUT WHAT IT IS!



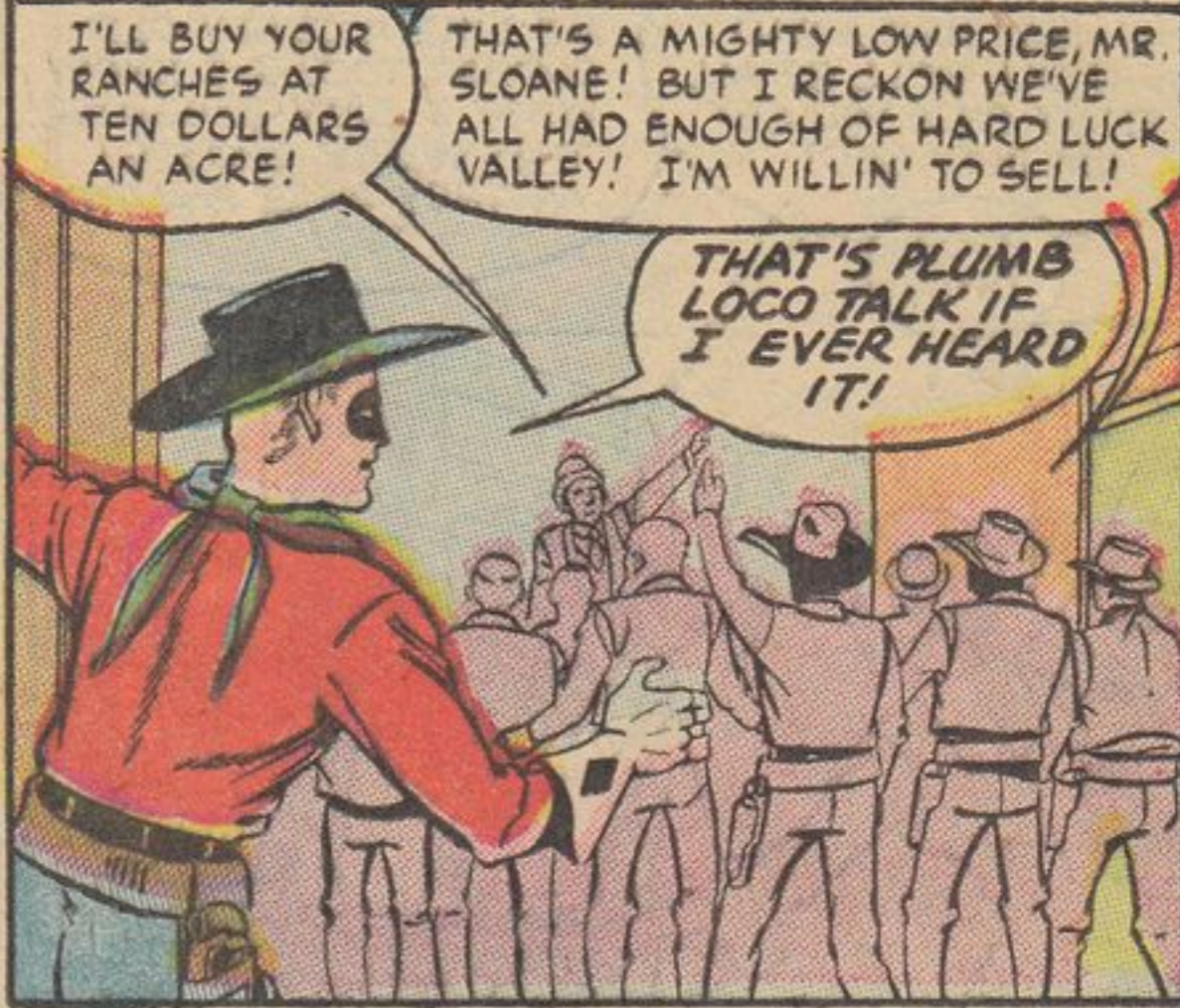
THE NEXT MORNING, DIAMOND AND BUMPER PREPARE TO EAT BREAKFAST! SUDDENLY, THE RANCH FOREMAN RUSHES IN WITH OMINOUS NEWS...



WHAT IS IT, TOM... MORE TROUBLE?

BIG PRAIRIE FIRE, MA'AM! RANCHES... BARNs... EVERYTHING!... WENT DOWN LIKE STRAWS! THE RANCHERS PUT IT OUT AND NOW THEY'RE CALLING A MEETING IN TOWN!

SOON AFTER IN TOWN, DIAMOND AND BUMPER REIN UP TO HEAR JEFFERSON SLOANE, THE TOWN BANKER ADDRESS THE RANCHERS...



I'LL BUY YOUR RANCHES AT TEN DOLLARS AN ACRE!

THAT'S A MIGHTY LOW PRICE, MR. SLOANE! BUT I RECKON WE'VE ALL HAD ENOUGH OF HARD LUCK VALLEY! I'M WILLIN' TO SELL!

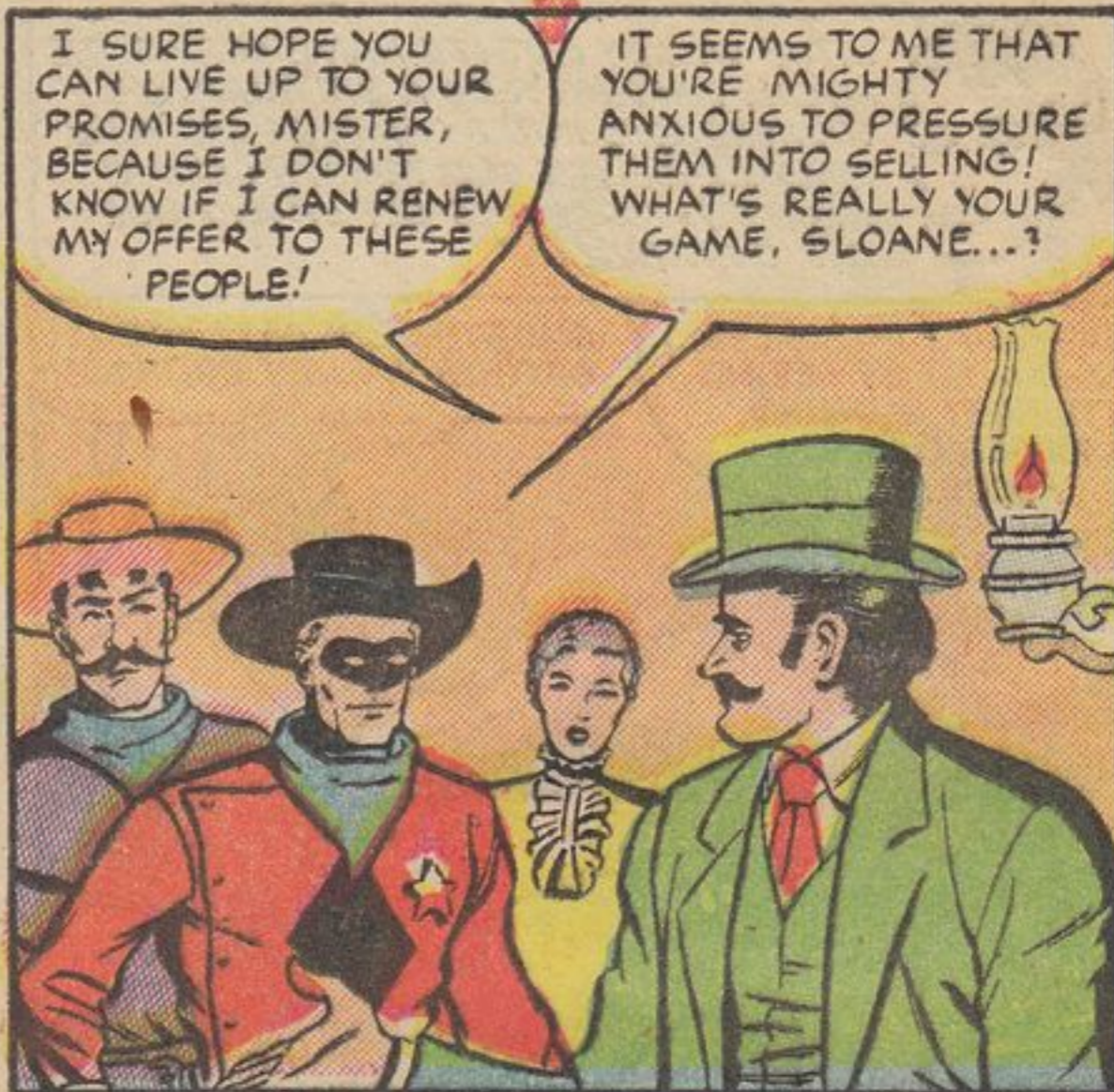
THAT'S PLUMB LOCO TALK IF I EVER HEARD IT!



...ARE YOU MEN JUST GOING TO GIVE UP YOUR HARD EARNED LAND WITHOUT A FIGHT... WITHOUT AT LEAST AN INVESTIGATION! ALL I ASK IS THAT YOU GIVE ME TWO DAYS TO TRY TO SAVE YOUR RANCHES!

IF HE'S WILLIN' TO HELP US, I SAY LET'S GIVE HIM A CHANCE!

LEAD THE WAY, MARSHAL! WE'RE WITH YOU!



I SURE HOPE YOU CAN LIVE UP TO YOUR PROMISES, MISTER, BECAUSE I DON'T KNOW IF I CAN RENEW MY OFFER TO THESE PEOPLE!

IT SEEMS TO ME THAT YOU'RE MIGHTY ANXIOUS TO PRESSURE THEM INTO SELLING! WHAT'S REALLY YOUR GAME, SLOANE...?

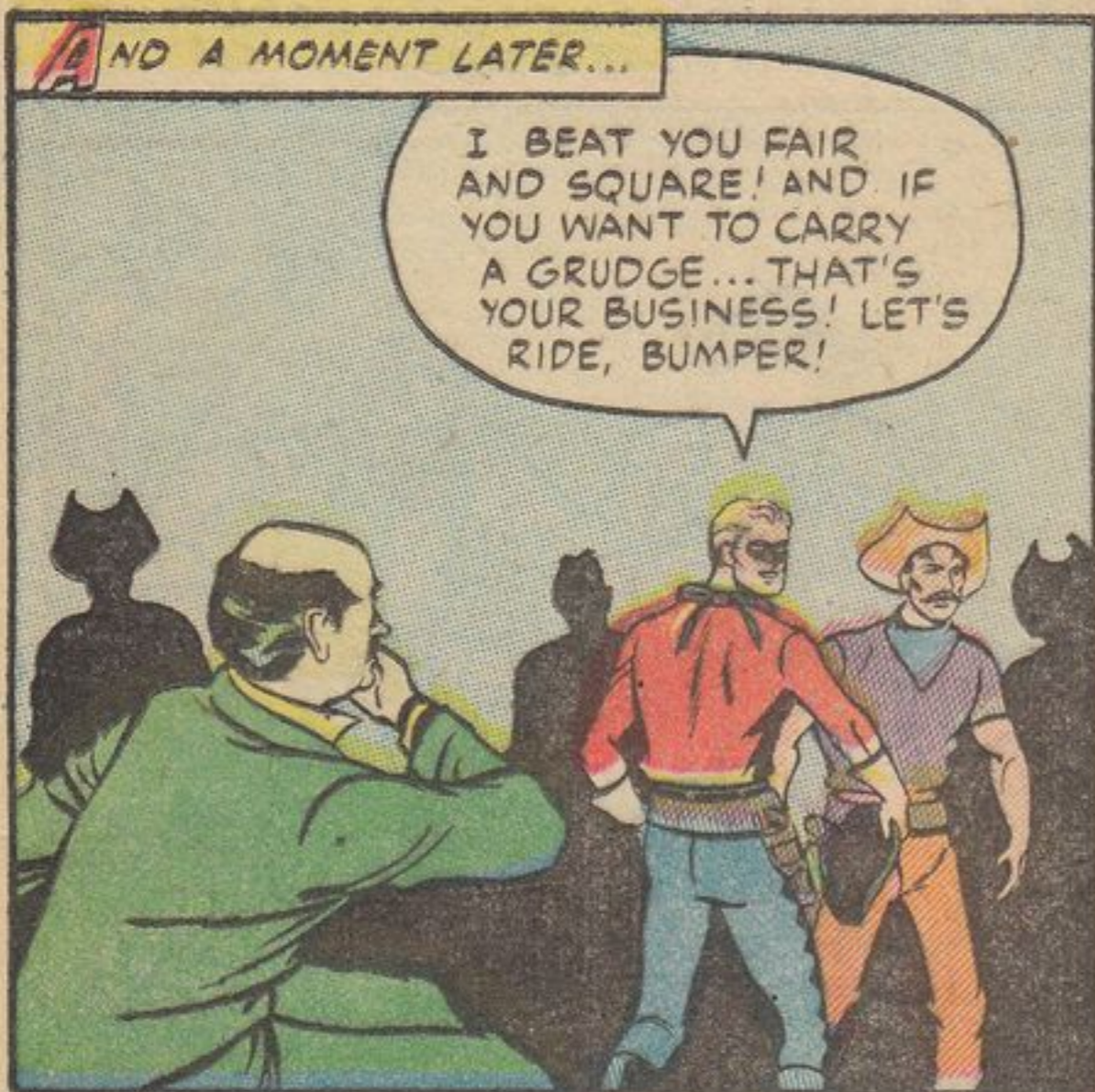


THIS OUGHT TO MAKE YOU QUIT YOUR CHIRPING, CANARY!

YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE DONE THAT...



...!CAUSE IT TAKES MORE'N THAT TO MAKE THIS CANARY STOP CHIRPING!

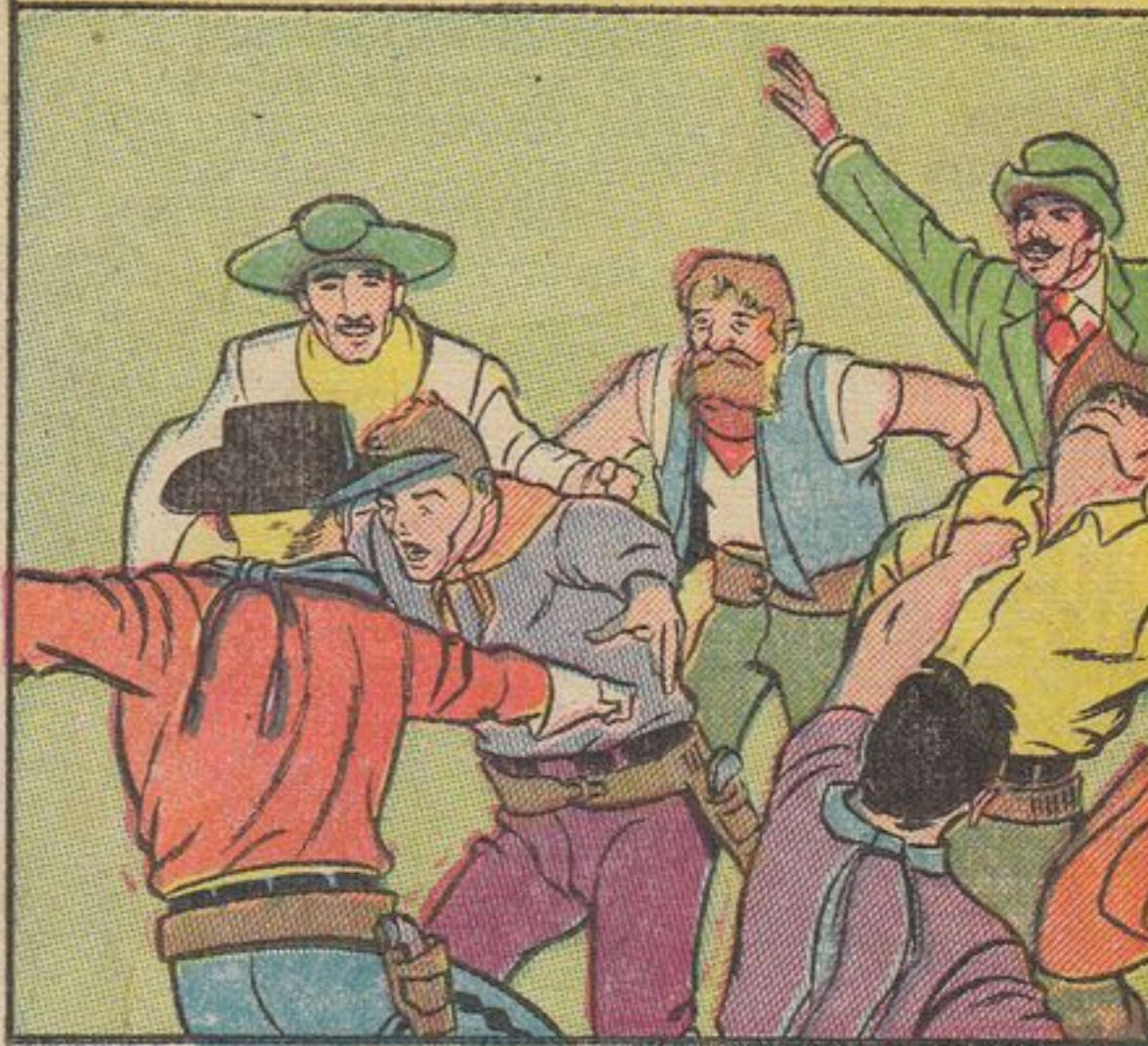


JUST THEN, BUMPER ACCIDENTALLY KICKS SOME ROCKS...

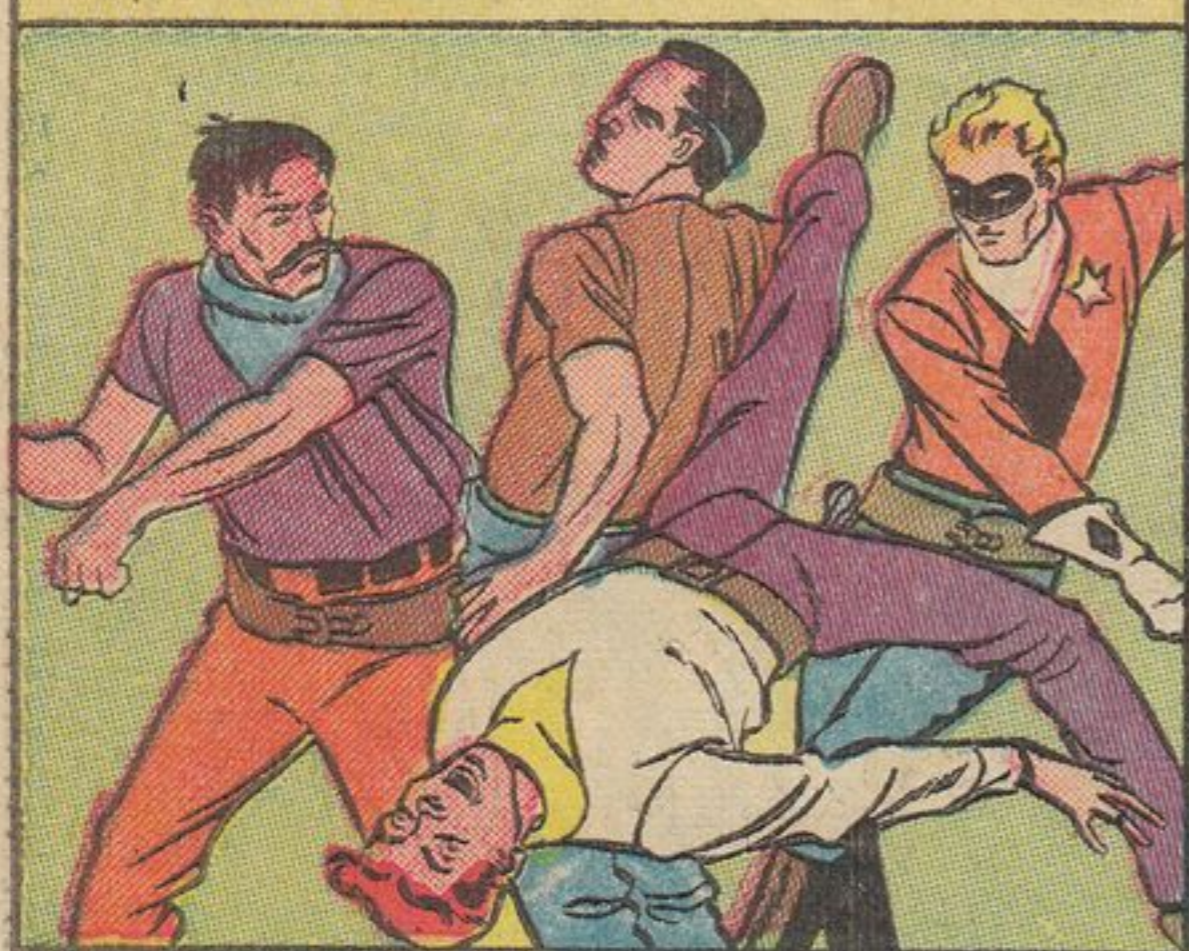
WHAT'S THAT... HUH? LOOK WHAT THE WIND BLEW IN, BOYS! BLACK DIAMOND AND BUMPER -- GET 'EM!



AS SLOANE AND HIS MEN GANG UP ON THEIR INTRUDERS, A FIGHT ENSUES...



DIAMOND AND BUMPER ACT SWIFTLY AND FIGHT THE GANG OFF AGAIN AND AGAIN! REPELLED BY ROCK HARD FISTS, THE OWLHOOTS RESORT TO THEIR FIREARMS...



AND THE COURAGEOUS TEAM OF BLACK DIAMOND AND BUMPER ARE FINALLY SUBDUED...



MITE TOUGH, WEREN'T THEY?

YEAH! BUT THEY WON'T BE, ALL TIED UP!

WELL, DIAMOND! SO YOU FOUND OUT THAT WE USE PHOSPHOROUS TO FOOL THE TOWN INTO THINKING WE'RE GHOSTS! DID YOU KNOW THAT I ALSO USED BACTERIA CULTURES TO POLLUTE THE CATTLE'S DRINKING WATER! I HAVE NO END OF TRICKS TO MAKE THE STUPID RANCHERS THINK THIS VALLEY IS JINXED! YOU SEE, THERE'S A RAILROAD COMING THROUGH THIS VALLEY AND THE LAND WILL BE WORTH A FORTUNE!



WHY ARE YOU TELLING ME ALL THIS, SLOANE?

WHY NOT! YOU WON'T BE AROUND TO REPEAT IT! I'M GOING TO THE TOWN MEETING TONIGHT! IF THE RANCHERS DON'T SELL OUT, MY BOYS WILL BE STANDING BY, READY TO BURN THE VALLEY!





YOU'RE GOING TO LEAVE US HERE TIED UP?

DON'T WORRY! I'LL TAKE CARE OF YOU TWO WHEN I GET BACK! MEANWHILE, ZACK AND LEFTY WILL KEEP A WATCHFUL EYE ON YOU!



REALIZING HIS FIRST TASK IS TO BREAK HIS BONDS, DIAMOND DECIDES TO TRY A CERTAIN MANEUVER! HE LEANS BACK, STRAINING EVERY MUSCLE...TILL HE REACHES THE SHARP EDGES OF HIS SPURS!

HURRY UP! I DON'T KNOW HOW LONG THOSE OWLHOOTS WILL LET ME BLOCK YOU!



THEN...

SAY, WOULD ONE OF YOU FELLOWS GET A CIGARETTE OUT OF MY POCKET?

OKAY! BUT NO TRICKS...



YOU AND ME ARE GOING TO EXCHANGE PLACES, LEFTY!

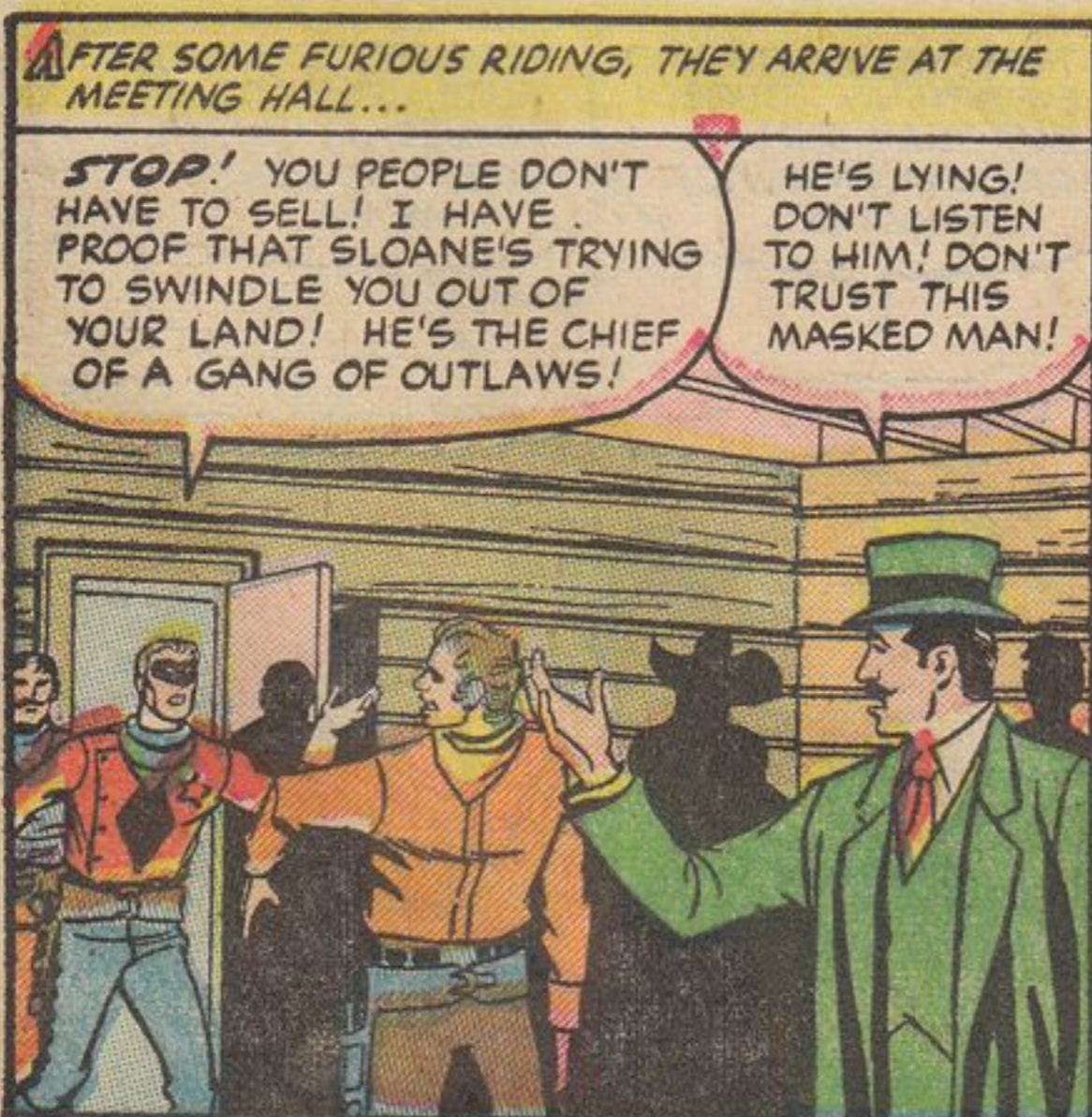
HEY!



LIGHTNING LIKE, THE OWLHOOTS ARE OVERPOWERED...

LET'S SCRATCH GRAVEL, BUMPER! WE'VE GOT TO GET TO THAT MEETING!

WE'RE AS GOOD AS THERE ALREADY!



AFTER SOME FURIOUS RIDING, THEY ARRIVE AT THE MEETING HALL...

STOP! YOU PEOPLE DON'T HAVE TO SELL! I HAVE PROOF THAT SLOANE'S TRYING TO SWINDLE YOU OUT OF YOUR LAND! HE'S THE CHIEF OF A GANG OF OUTLAWS!

HE'S LYING! DON'T LISTEN TO HIM! DON'T TRUST THIS MASKED MAN!



SOMEONE TURN OUT THE LIGHTS AND WE'LL SEE WHO'S LYING!

NO! NO... DON'T!

TURNING DOWN THE LANTERN'S WICK, BLACK DIAMOND SHOWS THE RANCHERS HOW THE GHOST RIDERS MAKE THEIR CLOTHING AND HORSES GLOW...

NOW YOU CAN SEE HOW HIS HANDS SHINE IN THE DARK!

THE MARSHAL'S RIGHT! SLOANE'S BEEN TRYING TO CHEAT US!



I FIGURED HE MIGHT STILL HAVE THE PHOSPHORUS ON HIS HANDS! BUT THERE'S THE REST OF HIS GANG... DISGUISED AS GHOSTS, WAITING UP IN THE HILLS TO BURN THE VALLEY IF YOU DON'T SELL OUT!

AFTER THEM! WE CAN'T LET THOSE CROOKS GET AWAY WITH THIS!



UNDER DIAMOND'S DIRECTION, A POSSE IS SWIFTLY FORMED AND SOON AFTER, THEY TAKE THE OWL-HOOTS BY SURPRISE...

IT'S BLACK DIAMOND AND THE RANCHERS! GO FER YOUR SHOOTIN'-IRONS, QUICK!



THE BRIEF BATTLE COMES TO A HALT WHEN SLOANE'S MEN SURRENDER...

THEY'VE GOT US...

SURE HAVE! NOW YOU "GHOSTS" CAN KEEP THE HEAD SPOOK COMPANY IN JAIL!



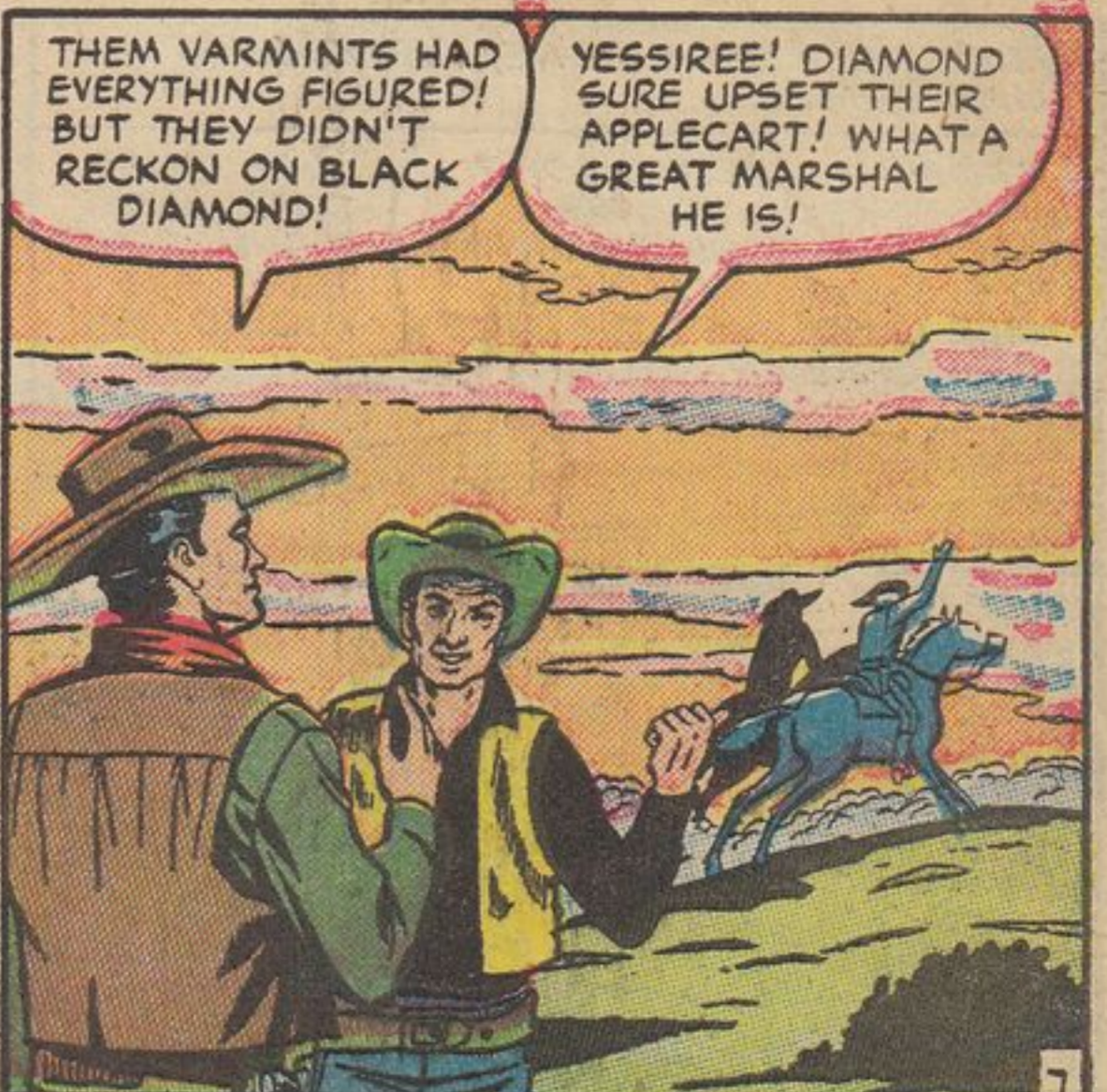
HOW CAN WE EVER THANK YOU ENOUGH, MARSHAL? YOU'VE SAVED OUR HOMES!

DON'T TRY! JUST REMEMBER FEAR AND SUPERSTITION CAN LEAD TO DISASTER!



THEM VARMINTS HAD EVERYTHING FIGURED! BUT THEY DIDN'T RECKON ON BLACK DIAMOND!

YESSIREE! DIAMOND SURE UPSET THEIR APPLE CART! WHAT A GREAT MARSHAL HE IS!



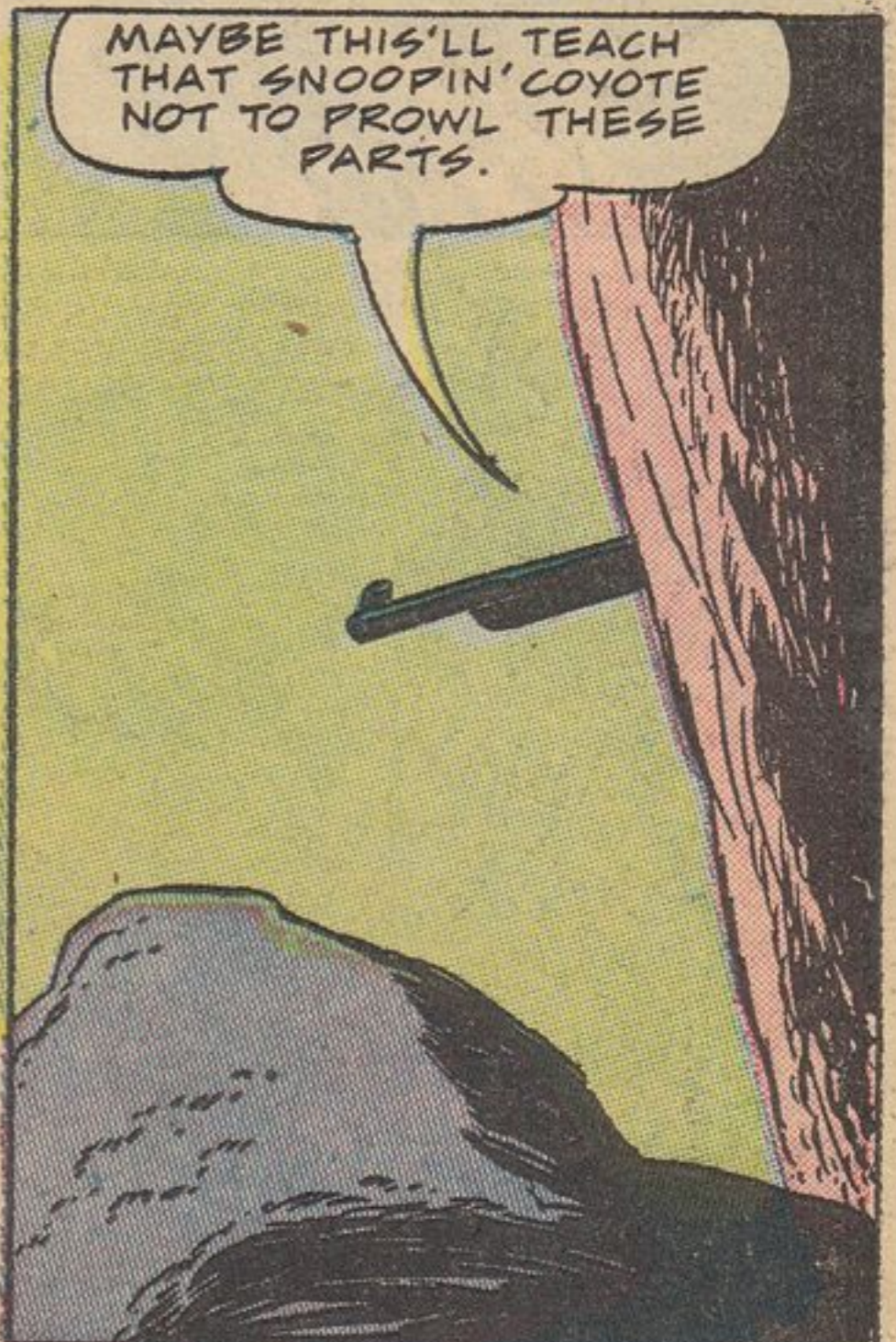
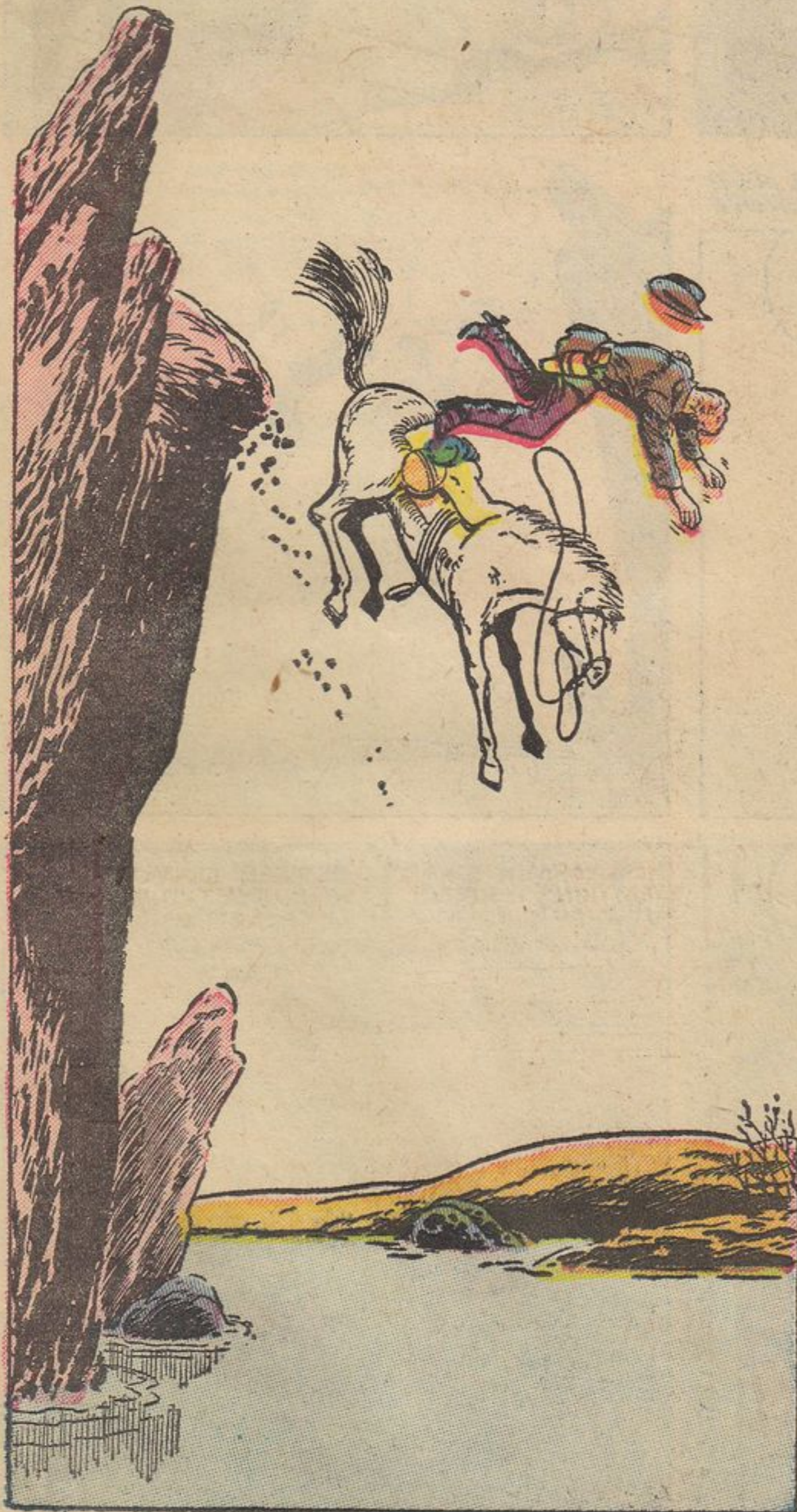


RED FIRE

and his horse "WHITE LIGHTNING"

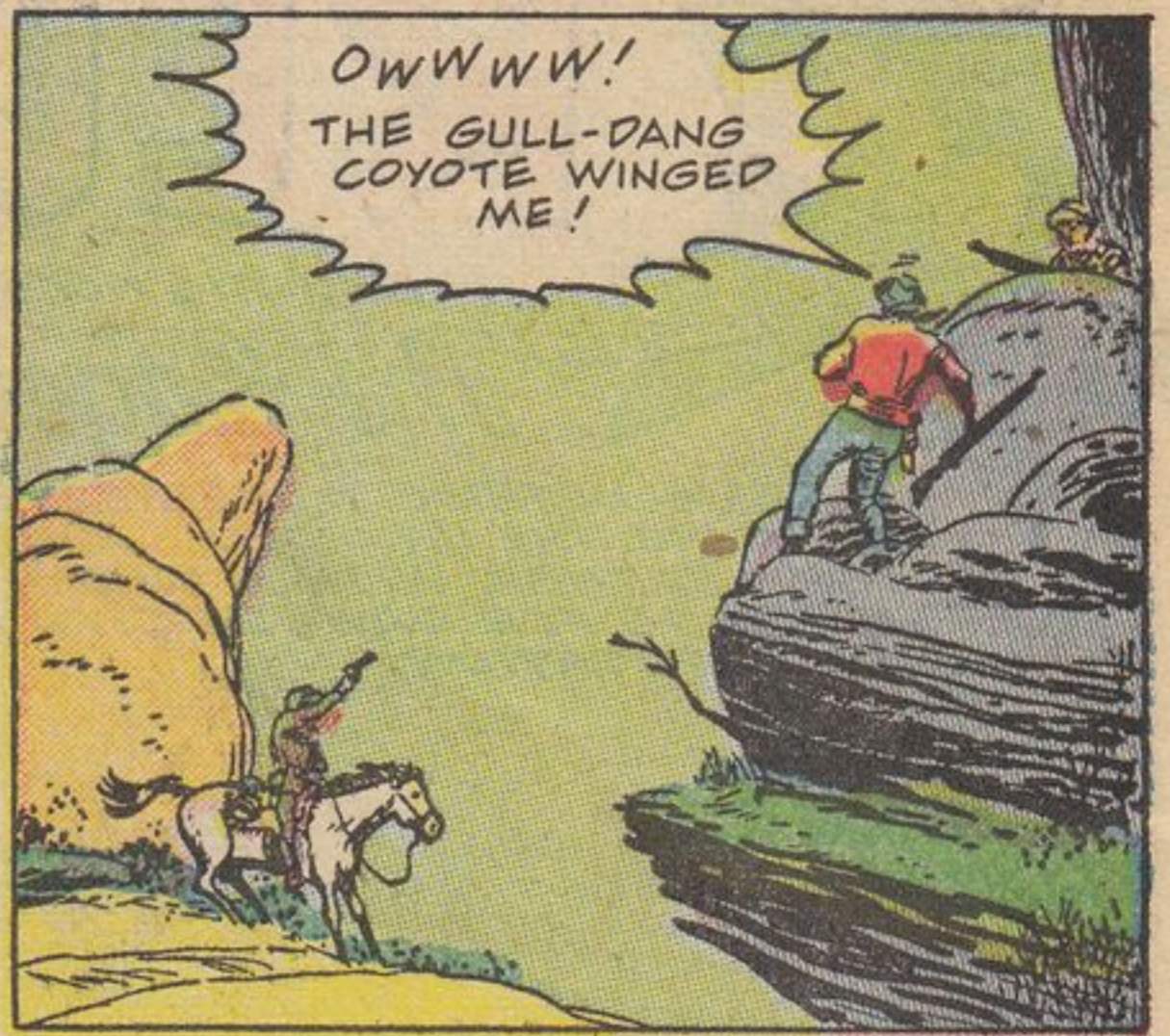
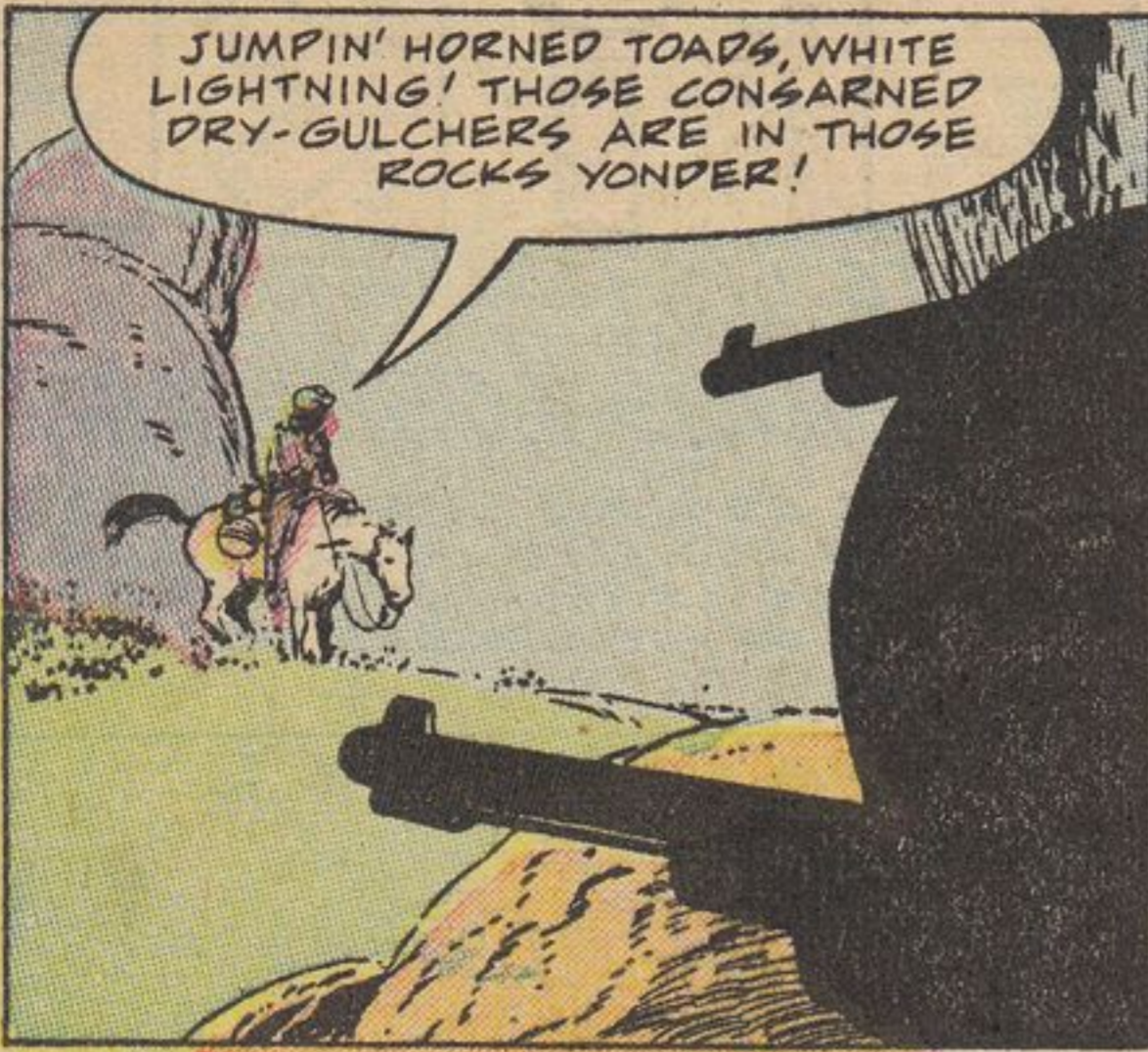
in "The Sagebrush Kid's Last Shot!"

THERE'S NOTHING MORE NERVE-WRACKING OR MORE DANGEROUS THAN FIGHTING THE UNKNOWN. RIDE THEN WITH RED FIRE AS HE SLAPS FOR LEATHER WITH A WHOLE NEST OF RUSTLERS AND GUNHAWKS WHEN HE HEADS FOR DAWSON CITY IN SEARCH OF AN HOMBRE WITH A SIX-GUN REPUTATION.



RED FIRE WHIRLS ABOUT WITH HIS
BLAZING SIX-GUN...

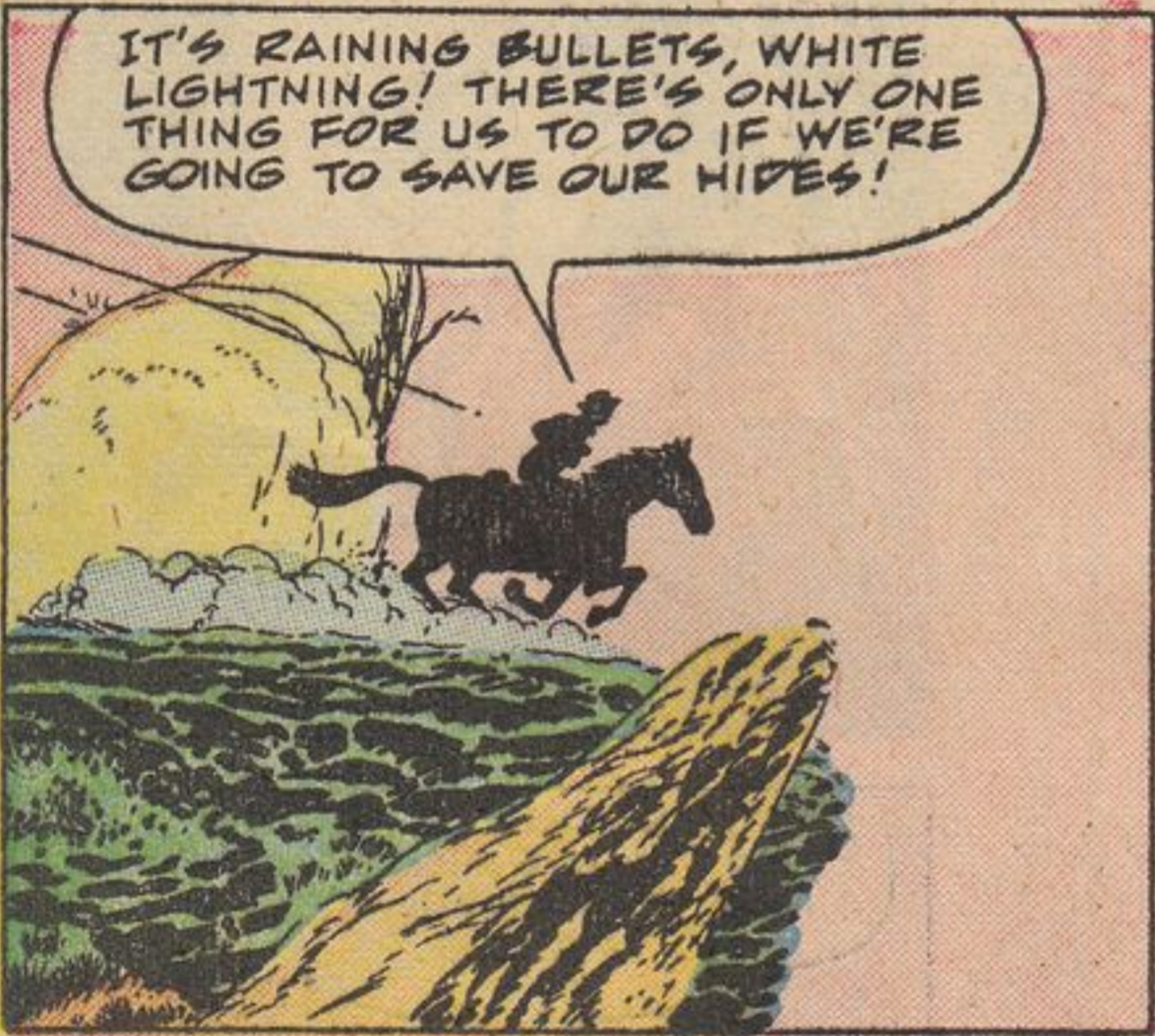
... THAT FINDS ITS MARK IN THE
SHOULDER OF ONE OF THE GUNHAWKS!



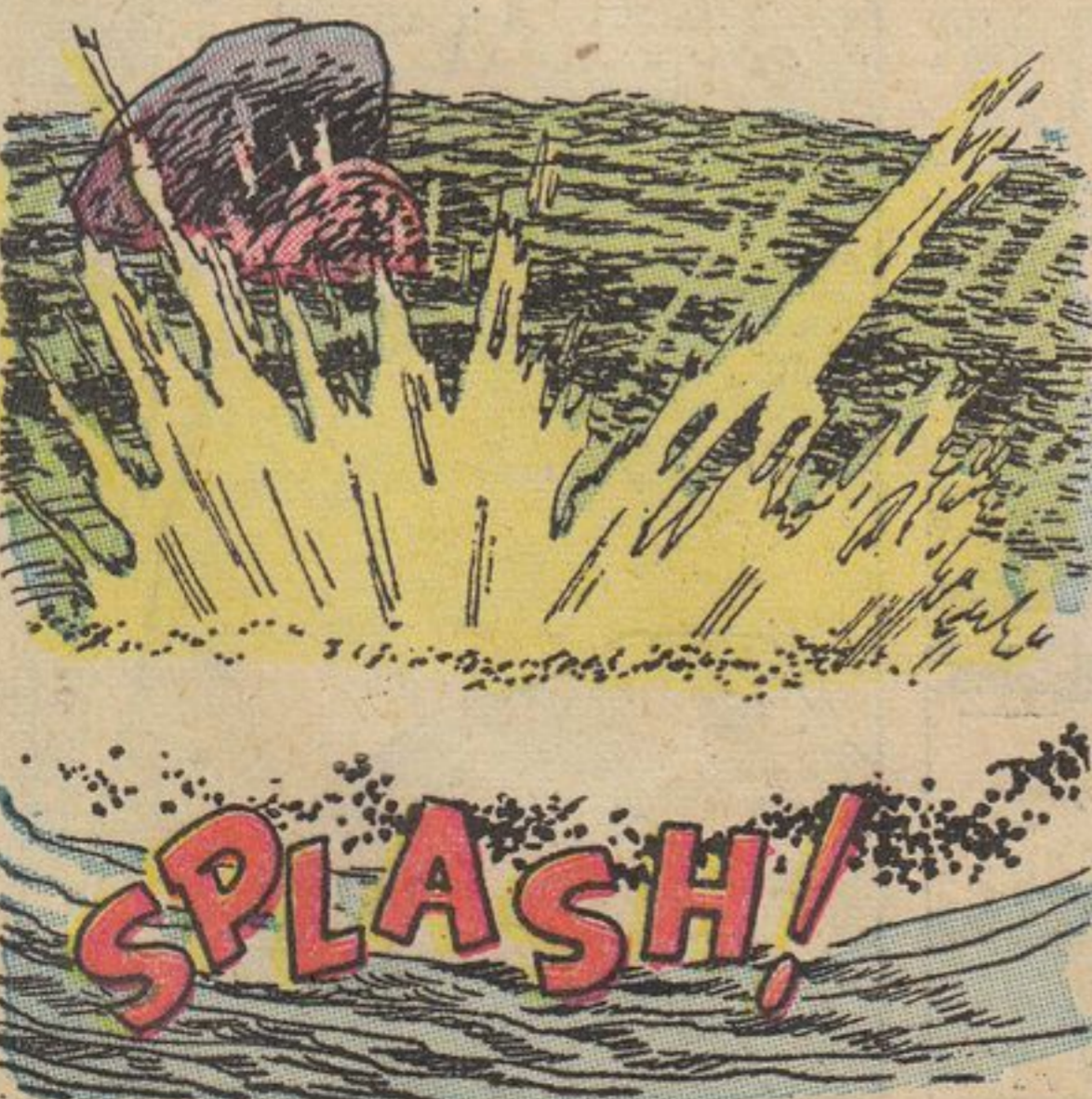
JUMPIN' HORNED TOADS, WHITE
LIGHTNING! THOSE CONARNED
DRY-GULCHERS ARE IN THOSE
ROCKS YONDER!

OWWWW!
THE GULL-DANG
COYOTE WINGED
ME!

BEING GREATLY OUTNUMBERED, RED
FIRE MAKES A DESPERATE DECISION



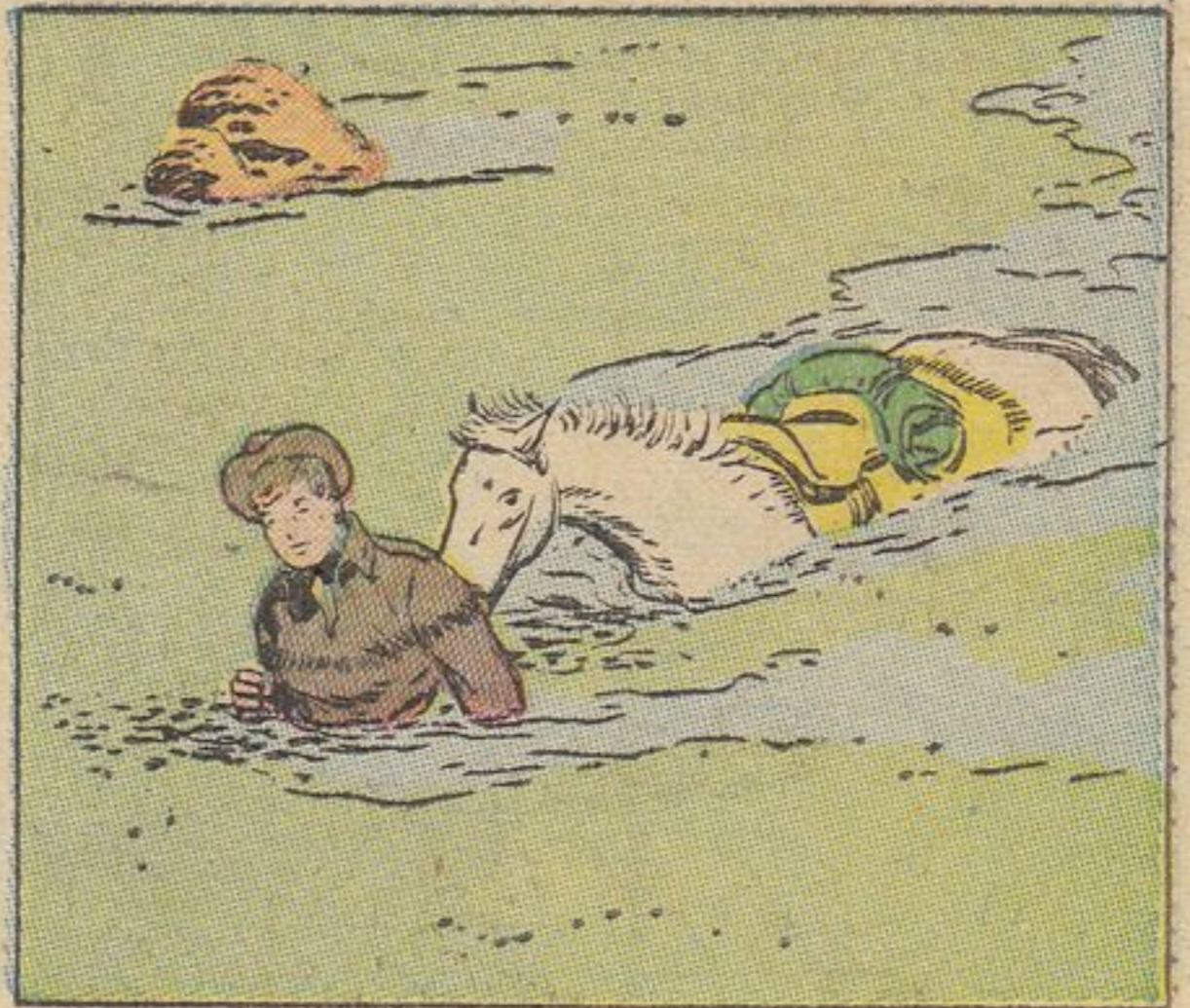
IT'S RAINING BULLETS, WHITE
LIGHTNING! THERE'S ONLY ONE
THING FOR US TO DO IF WE'RE
GOING TO SAVE OUR HIDES!



JUST A FEW SECONDS MORE
AND WE'LL BE OUT OF RANGE
OF THOSE OWLHOOTS!

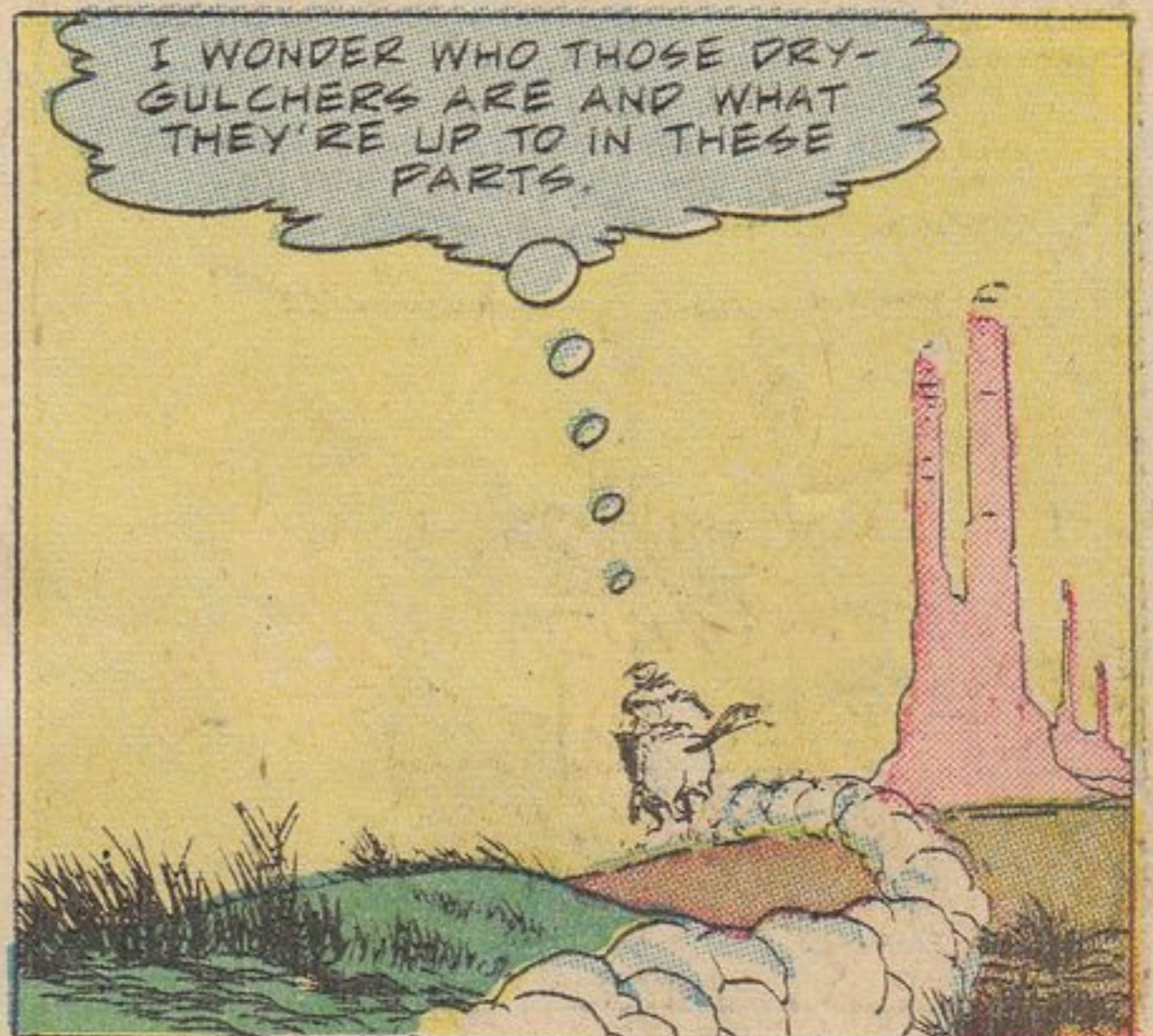
SEEING IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO GET A BEAD ON HIM ANYMORE THE GUNHAWKS GAVE UP AND HEADED FOR THE HILLS.

RED FIRE OUTSMARTED THE GUNHAWKS AND DOUBLED BACK ALONG THE ROCKS.

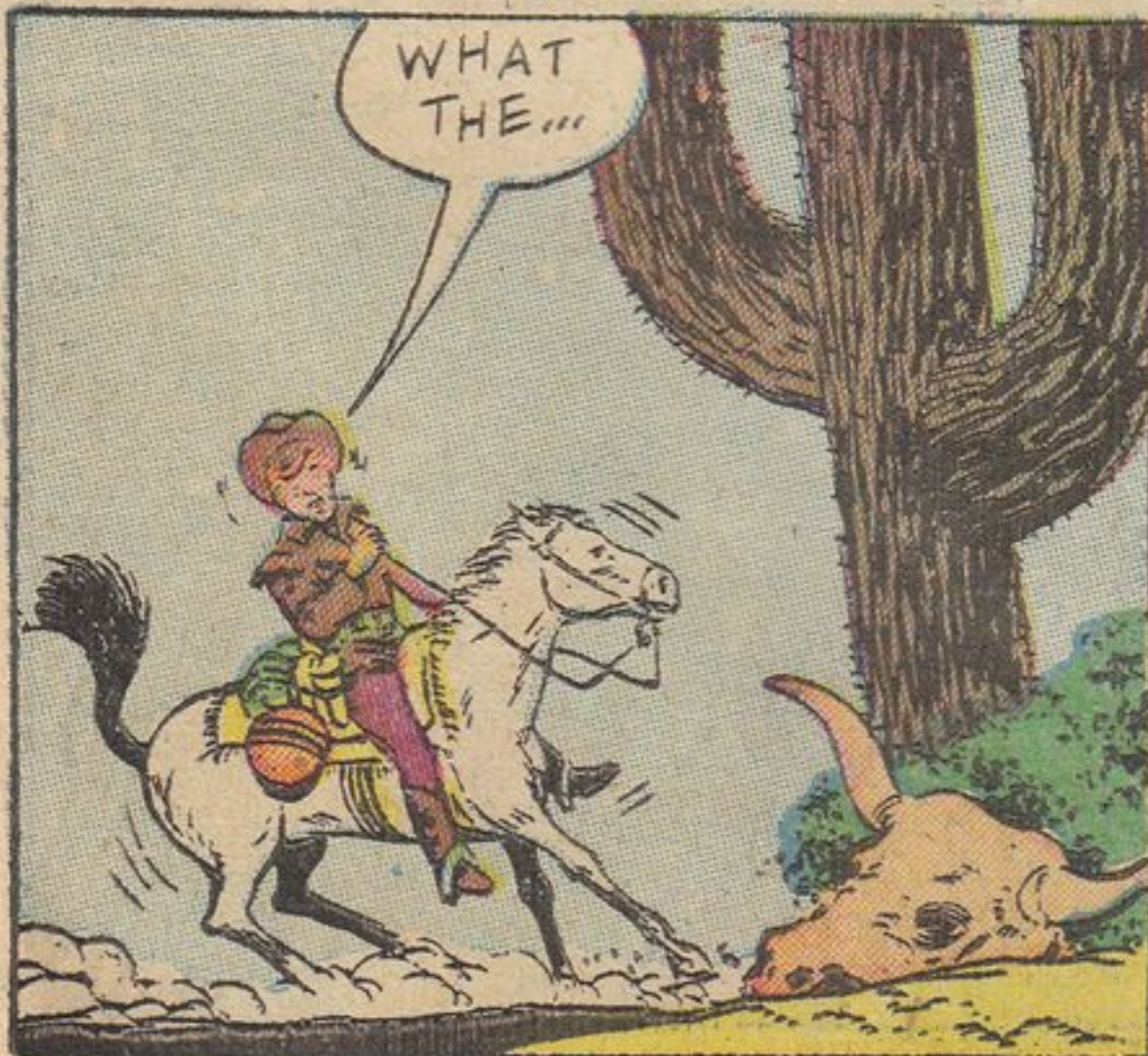


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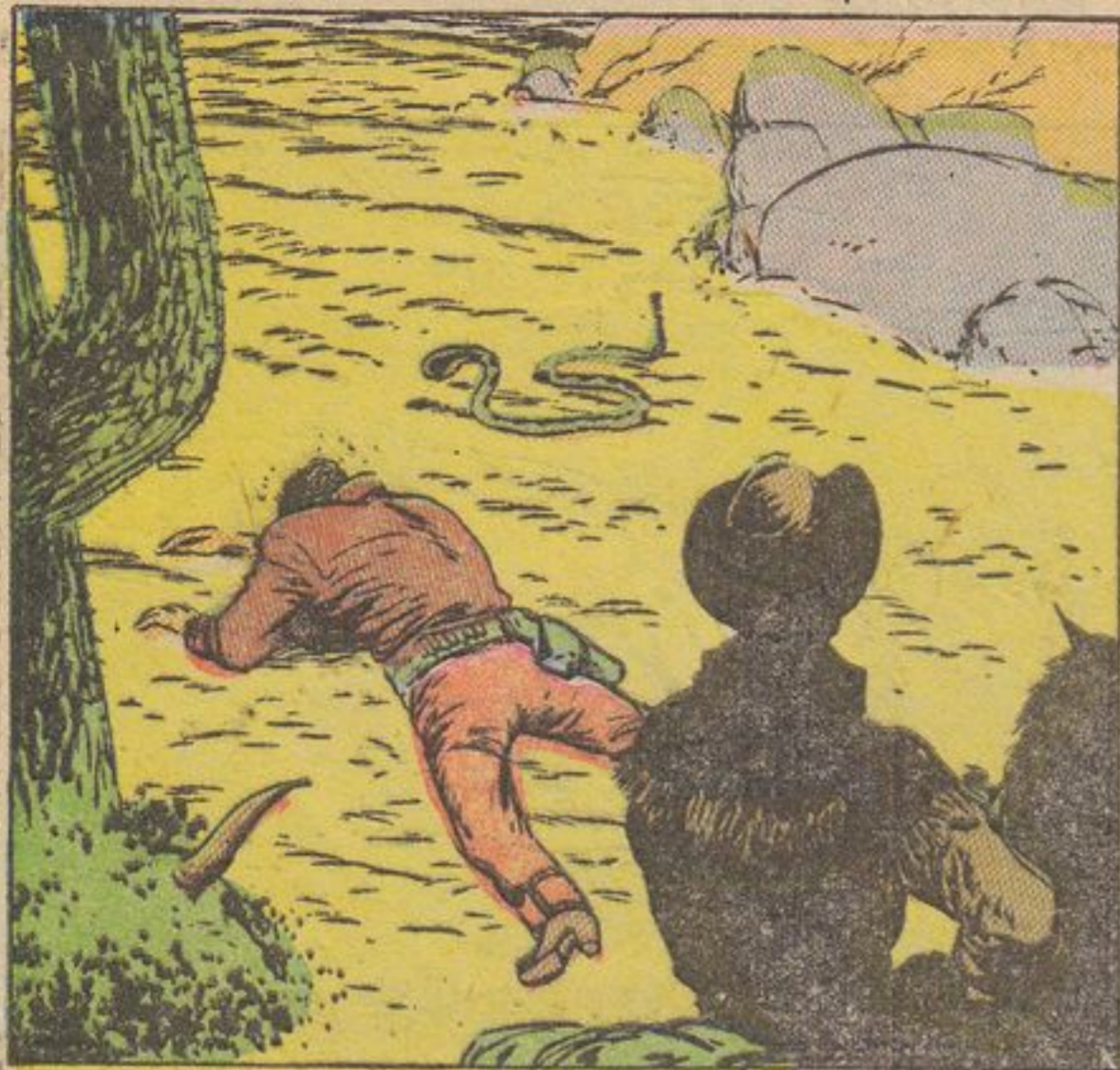
RED FIRE RIDES THE RANGE AGAIN.



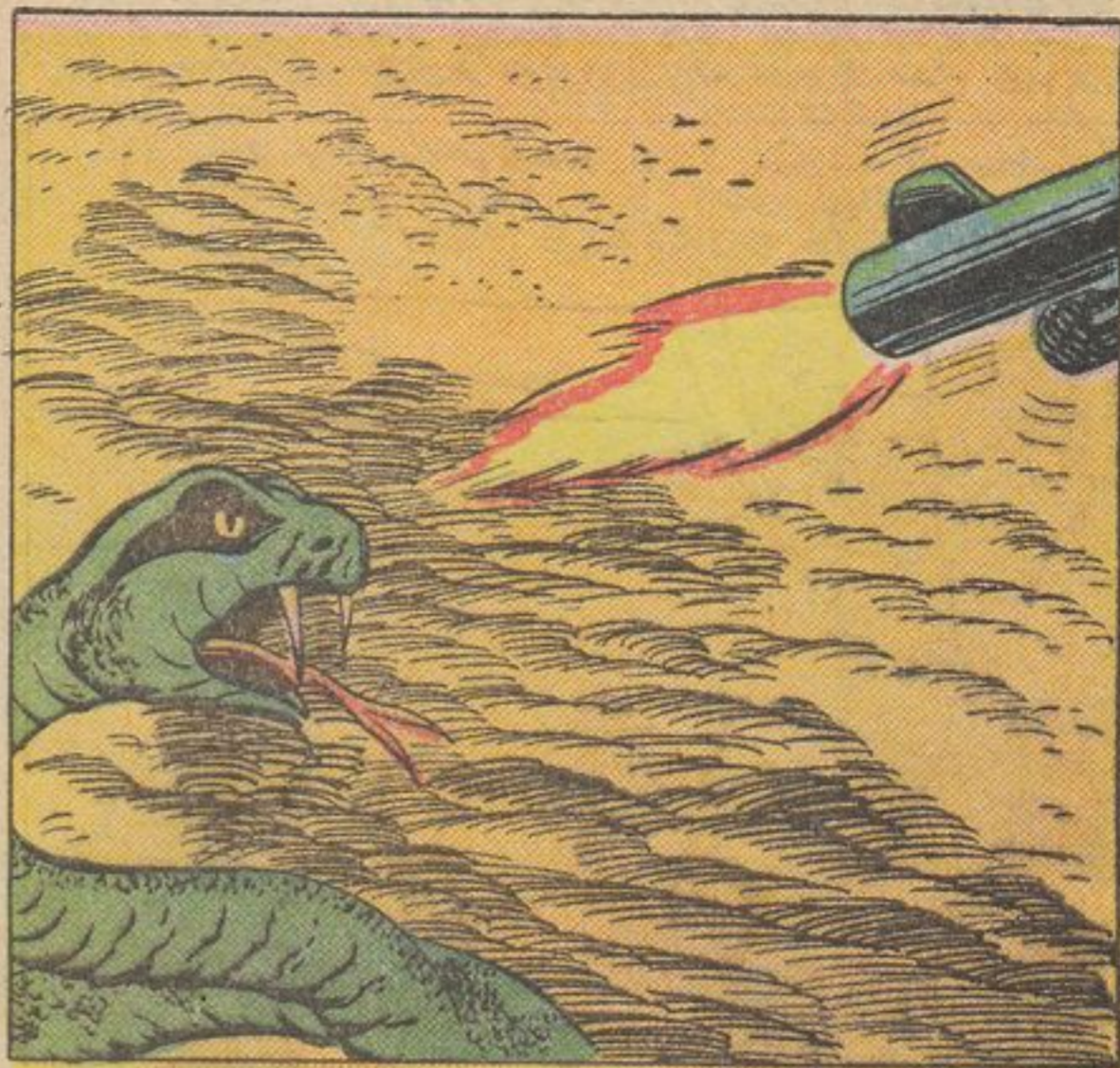
SUDDENLY RED FIRE COMES UPON A HAIR-RAISING SCENE.



RED FIRE MAKES SHORT WORK OF A...



... VERY TERRIFYING SITUATION!



RED FIRE ROUNDED UP THE WADDY'S HORSE AND HELPED HIM TO THE SADDLE.

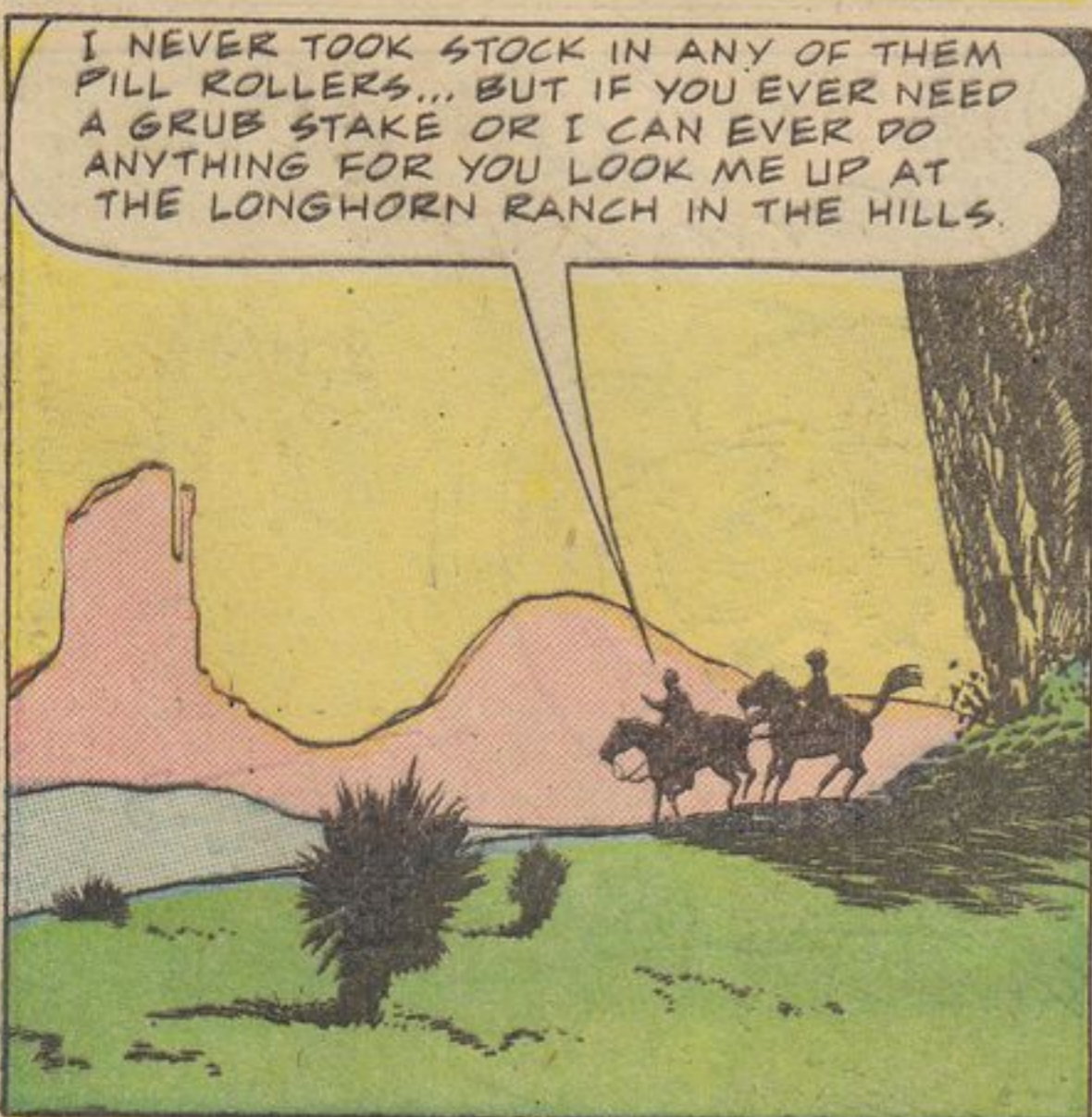


MUCH OBLIGED, STRANGER! MY NAME'S KYLE LAYNE!



I ACCIDENTALLY SHOT MYSELF WHEN MY PINTO BUCKED IN FRONT OF THAT RATTLER WHILE I WAS CLEANING MY GUN AS I WAS RIDING ALONG.

BETTER SEE A DOCTOR ABOUT THAT BULLET HOLE, KYLE!



I NEVER TOOK STOCK IN ANY OF THEM PILL ROLLERS... BUT IF YOU EVER NEED A GRUB STAKE OR I CAN EVER DO ANYTHING FOR YOU LOOK ME UP AT THE LONGHORN RANCH IN THE HILLS.



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WELL, I'LL BE... JUMPIN' JEHOSEPHAT!

YES, RED FIRE! WE'VE BEEN AFTER KYLE LAYNE ALIAS THE SAGEBRUSH KID FOR THE PAST SIX MONTHS AND NOW WE GOT THIS WARRANT ON HIM!

...AN' IF THE KID IS ANYWHERE NEAR DAWSON CITY... WE'LL BRING HIM IN!

\$500⁰⁰ WARD

KYLE LAYNE ALIAS SAGEBRUSH

SINCE ALL THE CATTLEMEN WERE MARRIED AND HAD FAMILIES, RED FIRE VOLUNTEERED TO BRING IN THE SAGEBRUSH KID HIMSELF.

NOBODY RETURNS ALIVE FROM LONGHORN!

THEY SHOOT STRANGERS ON SIGHT!

SUDDENLY, A HARSH COMMAND TAKES RED FIRE BY SURPRISE!

WHAT'RE YOU AFTER AROUND LONGHORN RANCH? I SURE HOPE YOU'RE NOT A LAWMAN CAUSE I'M GETTIN' MIGHTY TIRED DIGGIN' HOLES!

ER...AH...I'M A PAL OF KYLE LAYNE'S... HE ASKED ME TO DROP BY AND SEE HIM!

I CAUGHT HIM SPYIN' OUT BY THE CANYON WALL, DIRK! SAID HE'S A FRIEND OF THE KID'S

GO FETCH THE KID, PRONTO! MEANWHILE I'LL SEARCH THIS SIDEWINDER!

DIRK BANNON FINDS THE WARRANT ON RED FIRE ... AND BECOMES FURIOUS

A WARRANT FOR THE SAGEBRUSH KID, EH?

SEEMS TO ME YOUR NAME SHOULD HAVE BEEN ON THAT WARRANT TOO!

LEAVE THAT WADDY ALONE, DIRK! HE SAVED MY LIFE THIS MORNING!

I'M RUNNING THIS OUTFIT, KID! GET HIM, MEN!

ALL RIGHT, LOUIE! DROP THAT GUN!

WHAT THE!

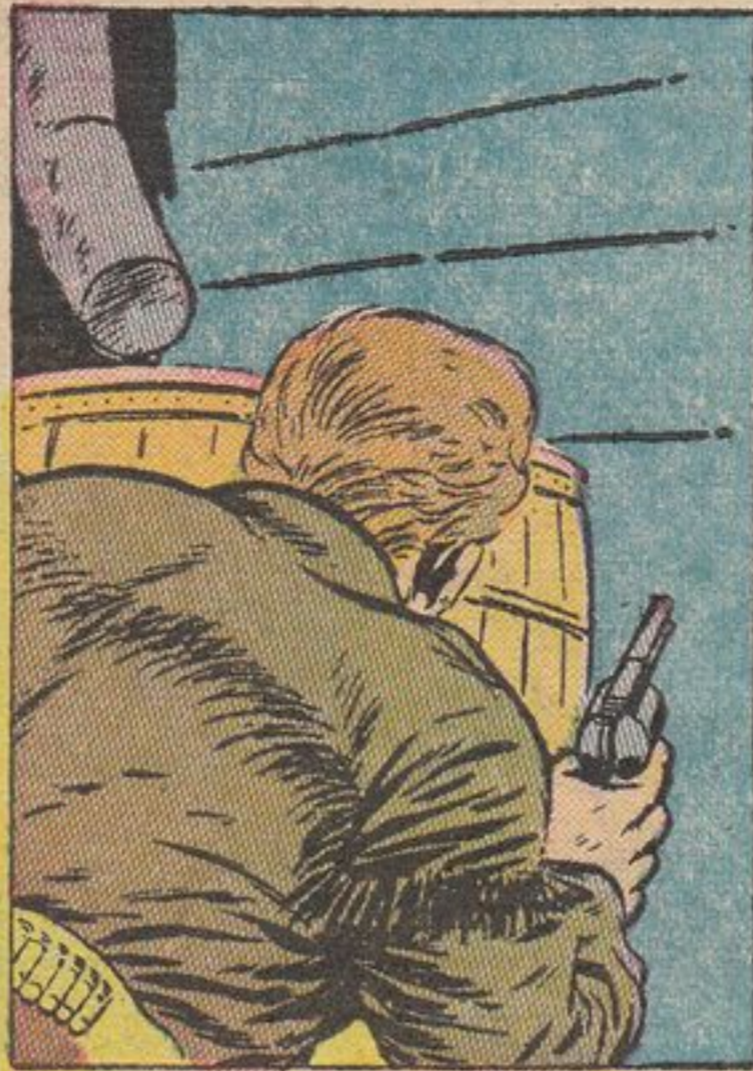
BAMI!

YOU GOT TOO MANY LOYAL-
TIES TO SUIT ME KID!

OH H H H!
RUN FOR IT,
RED FIRE!

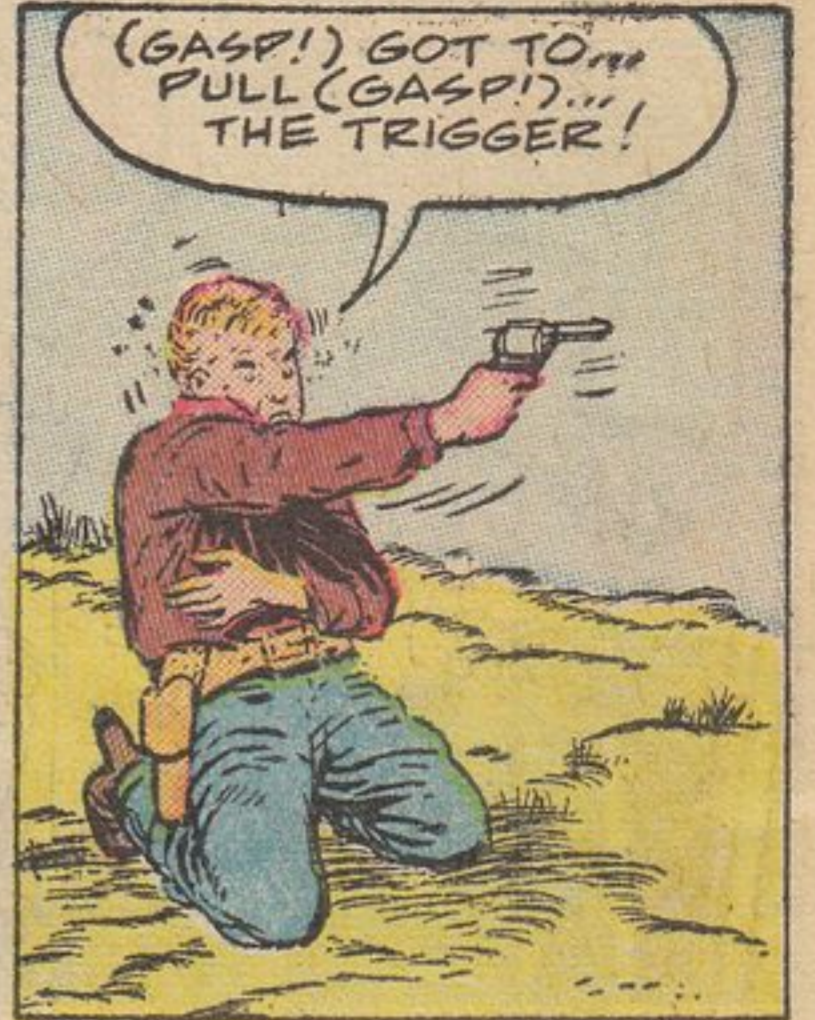


RED FIRE TOOK ADVAN-
TAGE OF THE SITUATION.

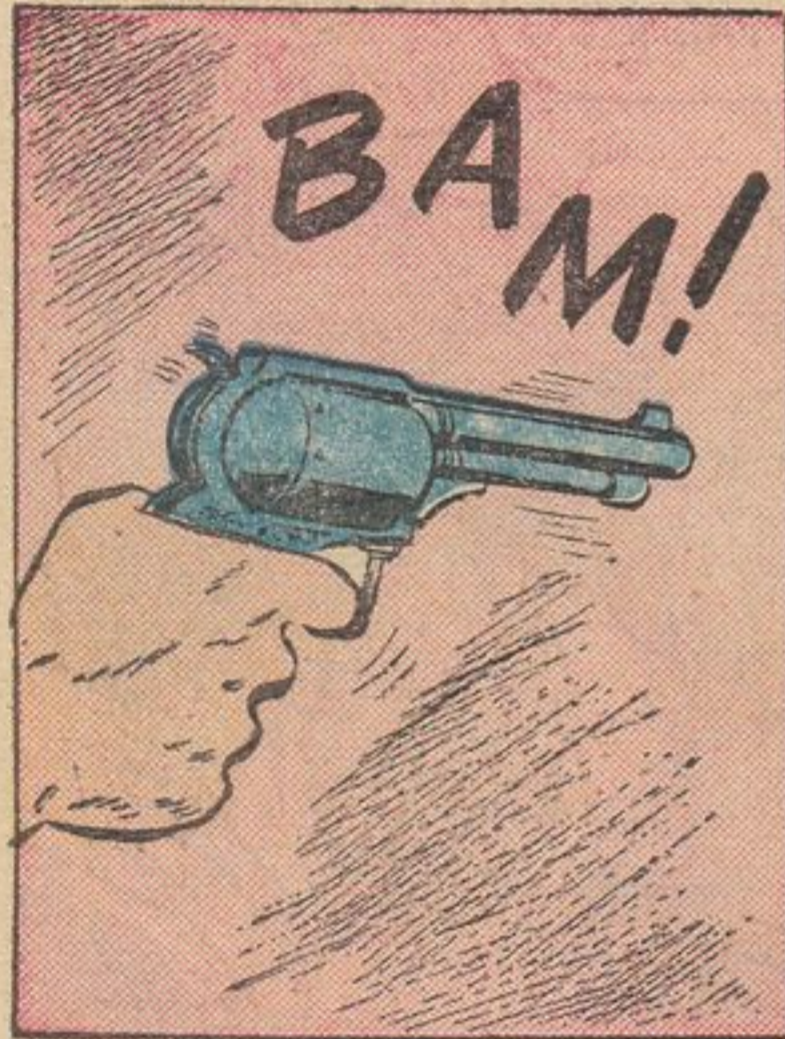


THE KID, ALTHOUGH MOR-
TALLY WOUNDED RAISED
HIS SIX GUN.

(GASP!) GOT TO...
PULL (GASP!)...
THE TRIGGER!



THE SAGEBRUSH KID'S
LAST SHOT!



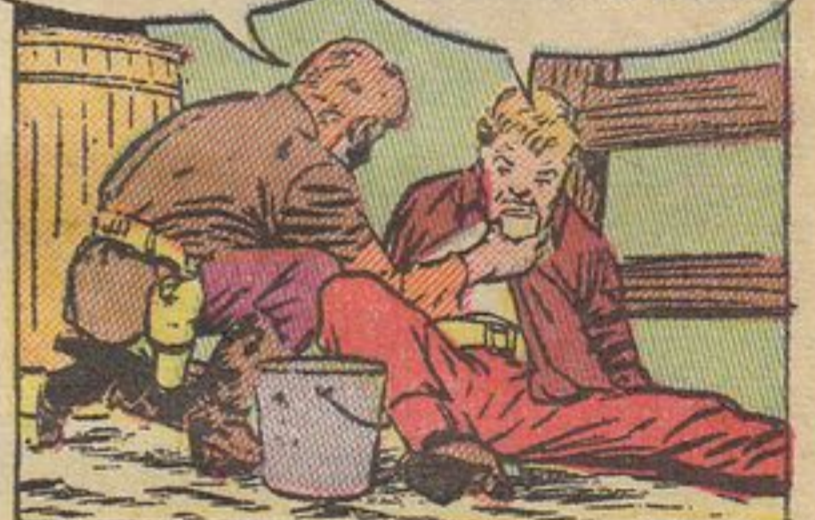
YUH CONSARNED
SADDLE-TRAMP...
YUH GOT ME...



UNDER RED FIRE'S WITHER-
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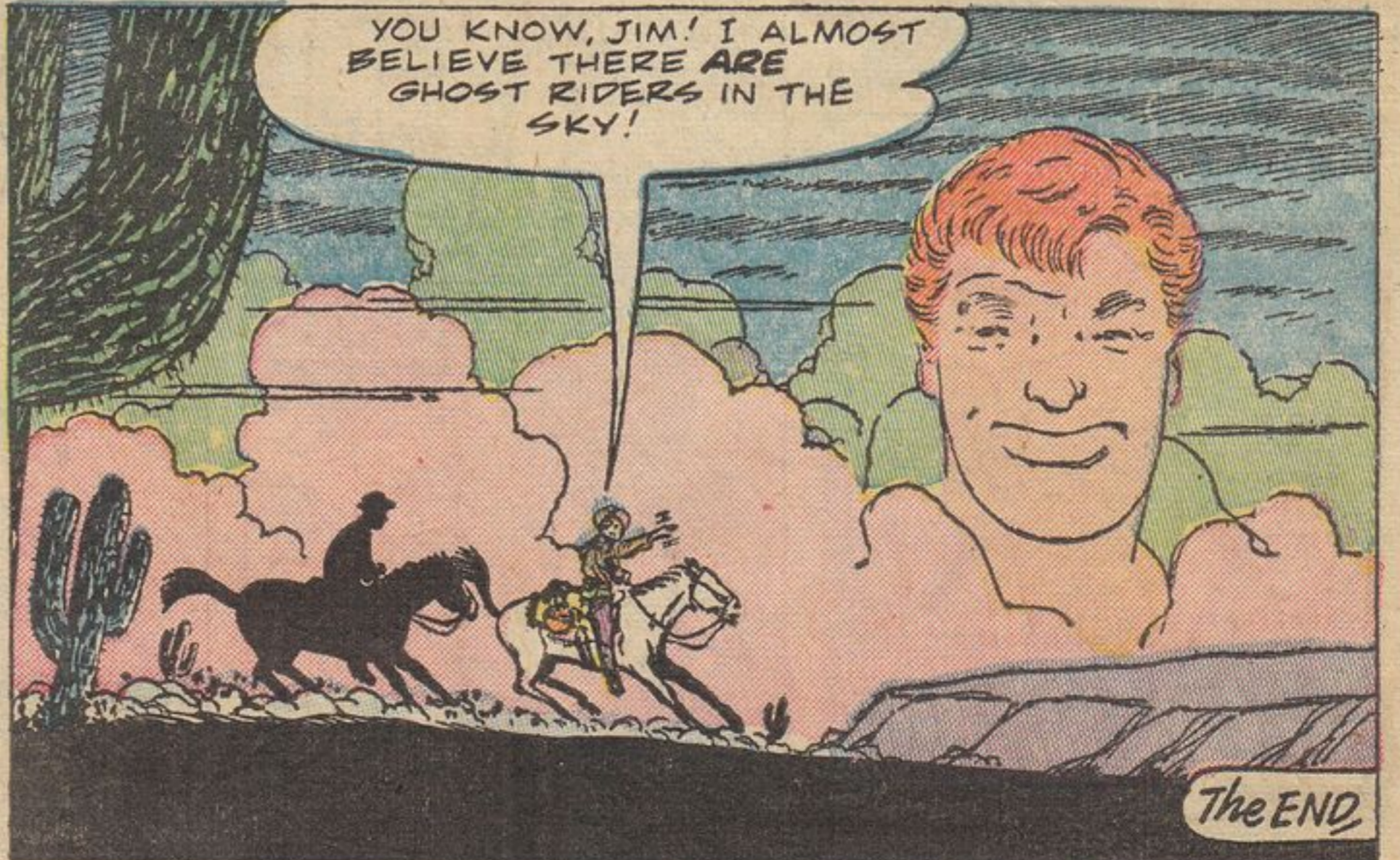
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KID... BUT I'M IN
A SPOT... I'VE
GOT A WARRANT
ON YOU FROM
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IT'S ME (GASP!)
THAT'S IN A
SPOT, RED
FIRE! PULL
MY BOOTS
OFF (GASP!)
WILL YUH...
S'FUNNY HOW
THINGS FADE
AWAY... OOOO!



WITH DIRK
BANNON AND
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AND HIS
FRIEND JIM
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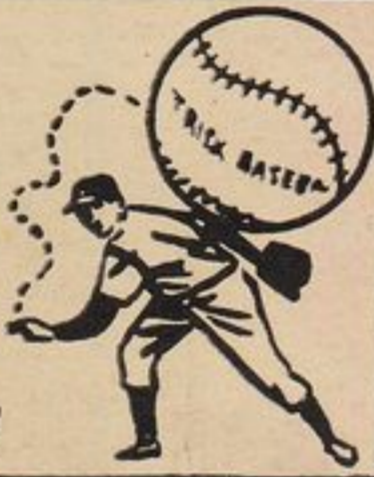


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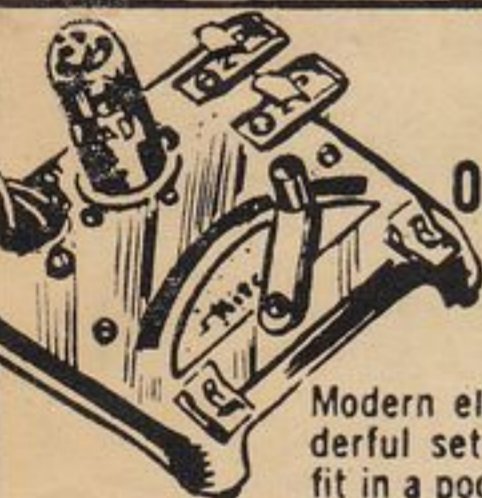
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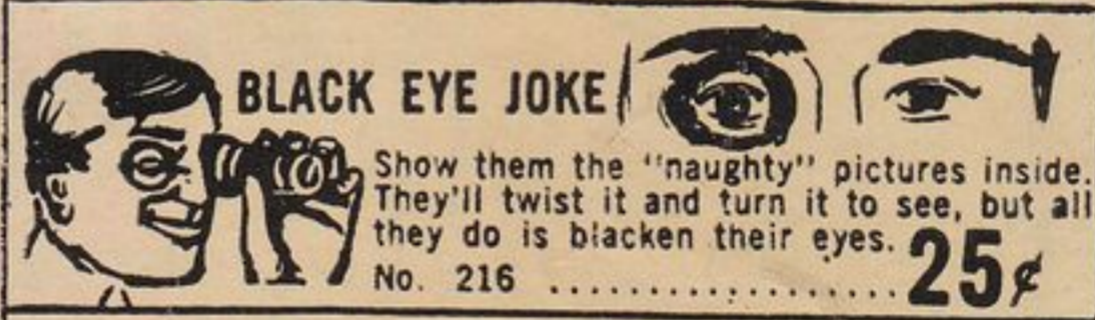
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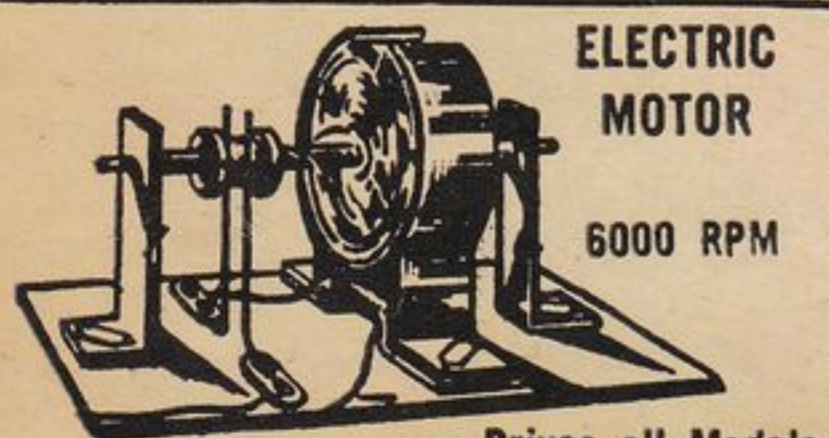


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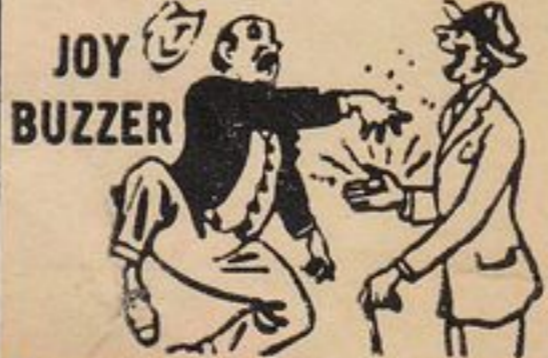


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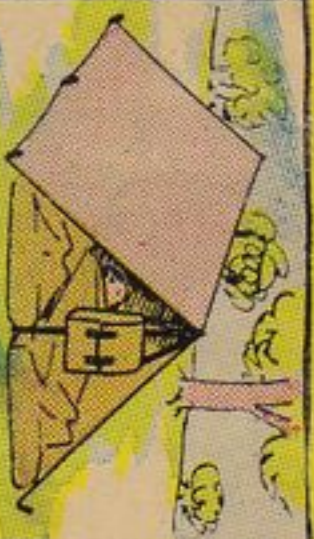
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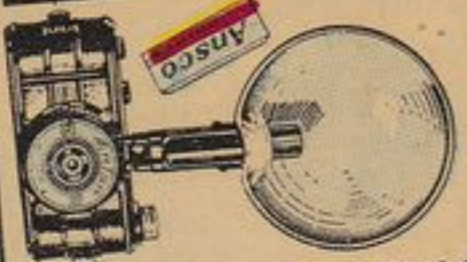
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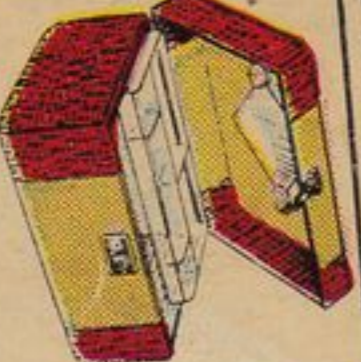
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